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MASTER IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Umea University / Department of Epidemiology and Global Health
 Sweden: Umea  English  Start: September 2012
 On request  On request  Microbiology, entomology, parasitology and the management and control of infectious diseases, social sciences and medicine, using qualitative and quantitative methods to identify and assess specific health risks before designing and implementing effective public health strategies  A Bachelor's degree from an internationally recognised university with a major in public health, health care or a relevant field in social science, basic requirements for university studies in English
CREDITPOINTS 120 ECTS-Points
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MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH (MIH)

University of Copenhagen / Department of International Health, Immunology and Microbiology
 Denmark: Copenhagen  English  Start: September 2012
 1 year (full-time), 3 years (part-time)  On request  Health and disease in low and middle income societies, research design, psychosocial interventions in disasters: management and implementation, HIV/AIDS, prevention, control, care and advocacy, final thesis (selection)
 Bachelor's degree in a relevant field or equivalent qualification, two years of relevant work experience, good English language skills
 Max. 28 participants **CREDITPOINTS** 60 ECTS-Points
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MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

Royal Tropical Institute Amsterdam / Koninklijk Instituut voor de Tropen (KIT) / Development Policy & Practice
 Netherlands: Amsterdam  English  Start: March 2012;
 Start: September 2012  1 year (full-time), 5 years (part-time)
 EUR 9 390  Comparison of factors that affect the health of all human populations with a special focus on poverty-related health problems in low and middle-income countries, promotion of health, prevention and treatment of diseases and rehabilitation, knowledge, skills and the ability to critically analyse and draw implications for practice related to the major endemic diseases, health systems research, health economics, health policy and management of health services  The programme aims to develop the capacity of professionals to work at the interface of international organizations and national health systems  This course is designed for medical doctors and paramedical staff with at least a bachelor's level education who are developing a career in international health
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MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH (INTERNATIONAL)

University of Leeds / The Nuffield Centre for International Health and Development
 United Kingdom: Leeds  English  Start: September 2012
 1 year  GBP 6 000 (UK, EU), GBP 12 150 (overseas)  Foundations of international health, principles of public health (international), options modules, health system research methods  Good honours degree or equivalent in a relevant subject
CREDITPOINTS 180 ECTS-Points
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A unique learning experience for health professionals – the tropEd Masters programme in International Health

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The need for experts in international and global health is increasing: a large number of Ministries of Health, trans-national organisations and national development agencies strive to overcome obstacles to advance health and well-being nationally and globally. Additionally, highly trained professionals are sought by a wide range of non-governmental organisations, including faith-based agencies and independent groups, universities and other specialised academic institutions, as well as a growing number of private for-profit or non-profit consulting companies.

tropEd, the Network for Education in International Health has taken care of these developments for more than 15 years. tropEd focuses on education in international health, mostly, but not exclusively at a Masters level. Starting as a network of European tropical institutes, nowadays some 30 institutions of higher education worldwide are members of this registered association. A joint Masters curriculum has been developed and students are encouraged to take courses in more than one of the partner institutions.

The close collaboration has also led to intense exchanges between the institutions with the effect of highlighting the course content, the learning outcomes and the career possibilities for the graduates. The network also stipulates new ways of cooperation between the members and has led to an increased learning process in the field of teaching and training in international health. Member institutions and their course offers are subject to permanent peer-review processes as part of a quality assurance system. As a result of its work tropEd has achieved not only Master graduates in all parts of the world, but has also built up institutional capacities north and south.

The focus of this Masters programme is on health systems and poverty related health problems in low and middle-income societies. While studying in at least two institutions, students from different cultural and geographic backgrounds will experience a unique synergy of experiences and the expertise of leading institutions in international health.

The internationally recognised and jointly provided post graduate degree programme is modular, and can be taken full-time, or as a part-time course, depending on the university where you enrol. The programme is open to students with various backgrounds, including medical doctors, nurses, social scientists, health managers, pharmacists, health educators, etc.

Since January 2011 the secretariat of the network is now based at the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute in Basel, Switzerland. For more information please contact the secretariat at tropEd-sti@unibas.ch or visit the website at www.troped.org.