



## KIIS Tanzania Summer 2015 HCA 459/459G: Global Health Service- Learning Practicum: Credit Hours: 3-6

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*Syllabus subject to change*



L-R: Kaleiah Brown, Courtney Mollett and Jasmon Harris (2014) in a picture at Buguruni Health Center after a day of practicum at one of the leading community health centers in Dar es Salaam, TANZANIA. This site offers practicum experience in pediatrics, maternal health, health promotion and HIV Care.

### SYLLABUS/PRACTICUM GUIDELINES

#### HCA 459/459G: GLOBAL HEALTH SERVICE-LEARNING PRACTICUM TANZANIA: JUNE 08 TO JULY 12, 2015

##### **Description:**

The practicum is designed to provide students in health professions with a global service-learning experience. It will integrate student knowledge and skills with practical applications in a Tanzanian health context to serve student career objectives and community health needs.

##### **Practicum:**

In order to obtain an actual training experience, students will be placed in healthcare facility or institutions relevant to their areas of specialization. Supervision is provided by both the instructor and the qualified local professionals in the facilities hosting the students.

**Philosophy & Values:**

Each student is expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner when placed in a practicum. The practicum is a unique experience that involves serving Tanzanian communities while learning about the rich culture and friendly people of Tanzania. Professionalism is judged by being prompt, having a strong work ethic, being able to be assertive and proactive as a team member, and conducting oneself in ethical manner at all times. Awareness of a new culture and appreciation of the values and beliefs of the people in the served communities/institutions would be important for a successful and enriching practicum experience and is expected from all participants.

**Disability Policy:**

Students with disability who require accommodations (academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids or services) for this course must contact the Office for Student Disability Services (OFSDS), Student Success Center - DUC A201. The OFSDS telephone number is 270-745-5004; TTY is 270-745-3030.

Per university policy, please do not request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a letter of accommodation from the Office for Student Disability Services.

**Practicum Objectives:**

- To participate in individual and group practicum placements and apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom in addressing real health problems in Tanzanian communities;
- To develop an appreciation for diversity and understanding of similarities and differences between US and Tanzanian cultures in values, beliefs, and need for health services;
- To gain an understanding of how the Tanzanian health system and organization work and develop international professional networks;
- To prepare for careers and develop research agenda in the global health context.

Students will be able to apply skills learned from their fields while working hand in hand with their Tanzanian counterparts from agencies collaborating with KIIS in supporting global practical experience.

The following table shows a list of agencies and areas of specialization needed in serving specified communities and institutions.

Agency	Population Served	Professions
WAMATA	HIV/AIDS (adult & children)	Nursing/med; social work; pharm; public health; nutrition
TAYOA	Youth – AIDS Awareness	Nursing/med; social work; public health
Buguruni Health Center	General population: public setting, community health	Nursing/med; social work; pharm; public health; health admin; dental hygiene
Kurasini and Chakuwama Orphanage Homes	0-18 years orphans – health promotion <a href="http://frisbeegirl13.wordpress.com/">http://frisbeegirl13.wordpress.com/</a>	Nursing/med; social work; pharm; public health; nutrition; dental hygiene; psychologists
Kairuki Memorial Hospital	General population: private setting including specialized care and outreach programs	Nursing/med; social work; pharm; public health; health admin; nutrition; psychologists

### Practicum Outline and Assessment:

- Practicum overview and progress sessions – **5%**
  - *Participation in weekly overviews of practicum progress and site assignments*
- Diversity and cultural awareness – **10%**
  - *Observations made by faculty supervisor and peers*
- Participation at practicum location – **45%**
  - *Practicum participation as evaluated by the field supervisor*
- Practicum journal – [**35% undergrad; 15% graduate**]
  - *Weekly journal entries signed by field supervisor and submitted to the course instructor/faculty supervisor. Undergraduates are expected to submit a short summary of their practicum experience on site during the last week of the program (**before departing for US**) - Not more than two pages, typed reports.*
- Practicum paper – [**20% graduates only**]
- Graduate practicum paper that summarizes the overall practicum experience or based on the agency of choice. Provide views of the practicum and how it relates to the classroom experience. Identify areas that have impacted knowledge and skills, and how the experience is critical to your future career. Use all types of media as you please – **WHY SHOULD** future professionals choose Tanzania for their global health experience? The paper should be at least 4 pages in length, typed & double spaced. Submit within 24 hours prior to departure to US.
- Agency evaluation – **5%**
  - *Student evaluation of the practicum site*

## Grading Policy

Points from all the components of the practicum will be added to determine the final grade. The practicum will be assessed on the basis of PASS/FAIL grading system. A score of **75% or better** in the overall assessment will constitute a passing grade.

**Assessment Criteria:** It is expected that 90% of the students will score 75% or better in their practicum experience.

The instructor reserves the right to alter the syllabus, course requirements, and grading scale.

## Expectations and Requirements

1. Meet with the faculty supervisor at the agreed times for weekly progress meetings and assignment of practicum sites. Your attendance is required in these meetings to obtain full credit from this practicum component.
2. Maintain a daily log of date, hours worked, and have it signed by the field supervisor who has directly observed your work or worked with you. This form must be submitted by the end of each week during the practicum progress meetings.
3. Maintain a journal which includes hours and days worked and summary of duties performed. The journals will be submitted weekly by the students, a statement about which of the practicum objectives have been achieved in the week should accompany the submission.
4. Student Evaluations: Have the evaluations completed by the field supervisor and return to the faculty supervisor during the last week of the program.
5. Site Evaluation: Complete an evaluation of the practicum site (in case of multiple sites provide evaluation for the site with most hours of service). Submit completed evaluations to the faculty supervisor.



A cross-section of nearly 150 women who attended a day of women's health training at Monduli District Hospital, ARUSHA (2014). The program intends to continue its collaborations with community health centers for training opportunities for practicum students in different areas including maternal & child health, health promotion and health behavior.

**LOG SHEET****Student:** \_\_\_\_\_**Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

DATE	TIMES	TOTAL HOURS FOR THE DAY	CUMULATIVE HOURS	VERIFIED

**Log sheets should be maintained on PER AGENCY basis for different dates of agency encounter**

Supervisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: (last day at the agency) \_\_\_\_\_

**PRACTICUM JOURNAL ENTRY****Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_**Agencies:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Week #** \_\_\_\_\_

**You must have a journal entry for each day you are on practicum. Please include a reflection on your tasks, reactions to what you learned, and how you are evaluating your own performance.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Entries</b>

**Journals should be filled and maintained on PER WEEK basis with all agencies involved**