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while making a
difference in a
developing
community.

"I can say first-hand that the skills
learned in IYFD would have been
extremely useful as a Peace
Corps Volunteer!"
-Anna Semple, cohort VII

*"[The] academic year will
prepare your mind,
perspectives, and opinions to
enter this world as innovative
open-minded volunteers."
-Aimie Lisa Hook, cohort IX*

"I believe that the challenges you're
going to face [in intercultural work]
will be much better understood
because of the time spent and
knowledge gained during your time
on campus."
-Whitney Graham, cohort VIII



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Global Youth Development

(formerly Intercultural Youth
& Family Development)



A Peace Corps
Master's International
Program



34-36 credit hour
Interdisciplinary M.A.



Q&A

How long does it take to complete the program?

Typically students complete all credits in one academic year before the intercultural internship – either Peace Corps, AmeriCorps or other arranged by student (faculty must approve of alternative placement).

While on internship, do I have to pay to be enrolled in credits?

No! Once you are ready to go on internship, you are placed on Affiliate status meaning you do not have to pay tuition and fees until the semester you intend to graduate. You only have to enroll in 1 credit, while completing your final professional paper and don't have to return to campus.

Can you work on your final paper while on internship?

Absolutely. Particularly for those in the Peace Corps, working on your final paper with your advisor from afar seems to be a helpful process in reflecting on your experiences through the program.

Am I guaranteed acceptance into Peace Corps?

No, but your application is viewed more strongly. If/when accepted, you ARE GUARENTEED a placement in Youth in Development.

Focus on your passion to support youth & families

Program Details

Full academic year of coursework (approx. 30 credits)

- Multicultural Counseling
- Counseling Theories in Context
- Life Span Development
- Critical Issues in Helping
- Applied Intercultural Skills
- 15 credits, elective or independent study course work covering the religious, economic, social and cultural history of the region of the globe which the student has targeted for internship.

Note – Student can take classes in a specialty area.

Specialty Areas to Consider

- **Non-Profit Administration**, minor program involving two courses and 300 hrs. of service many students complete in internship.
- **Public Health Certificate**, online coursework in epidemiology and other health related fields.
- **Community Health**, wide range of training including Community-Based Participatory Research.

After the Program

Past graduates have pursued a wide variety of careers working with youth and families both around the world and domestically.

Past graduates have careers in:

- Various non-profit agencies.
- Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)
- Youth and family support organizations.
- Elementary and Secondary Education
- Counseling
- Law

Note – Some career paths require additional coursework for licensure.

Pursuing additional options while in the program: A possible dual degree?

Within the department, because of the interest in a licensure eligible degree and overlap of coursework, many students become interested in *School Counseling* (52 credits) or *Clinical Mental Health Counseling* (60 credits).