The Ghana Health and Education Initiative (GHEI) implements community-based public health programs in rural Humjibre, Ghana and surrounding villages. GHEI systematically collects data through surveys to monitor and evaluate the programmatic strengths and weaknesses of these programs, so that the programs can be modified to be more effective. Students will work on-site alongside GHEI staff and trained data collectors to assist in data collection from a random sample of households in Humjibre, and all households in two smaller nearby villages. Topic areas covered in the questionnaires will include malaria prevention, maternal health and nutrition, and health and nutrition for children under 5 years of age. Data will collected by Ghanaian data collectors in Twi, the local language, and students will review all the data for systematic and other errors, code, enter and clean data, and manage the logistics of data collection. Students will learn the nuances of program implementation and evaluation at the local level, how to work in resource-poor settings, how to communicate effectively across cultures, and about the challenges and rewards encountered in implementing health programming in a rural developing country context. During this program, students will live in the village and have the opportunity to visit Ghana’s Cape Coast and visit in Kumasi the largest open-air market in West Africa and the Centre for National Culture. Arrangements are also being made for students to visit Accra and the LDS Temple and other sites in Accra before departure from Ghana. The program is limited to 8 students.

DATES
Students will be in Ghana from approximately 20 June 2016 until 13 July 2016 (exact dates to be determined by October 15)

HOUSING
Students will live in a house in GHEI’s compound in Humjibre. There are two bedrooms and each room accommodates four students. A local cook will prepare lunch and dinner. There is sporadic electricity (typical of Ghana), and running (cold) water is available for showers. Filtered drinking water is readily available. Overnights in Accra and Kumasi will be in hotels.
COURSES
Students are required to complete 6 credits. A minimum of three credits will come from the following courses: Health Internship (HLTH 496R), International Development Internship (IAS 399), Applied International Health (HLTH 481), or Mentored Research (HLTH 491R). Three additional credits can be earned by taking either Directed Public Health Readings (HLTH 492) or Health Problems Workshop: Public Health in Ghana. Graduate fieldwork and/or directed study credit is available for MPH students. Students will be expected to complete academic assignments associated with these courses after returning home from traveling to Ghana.

ELECTIVE
Students may be interested in investigating the local culture by taking IAS 380 Cultural Proofs for 1–3 credit hours. This self-guided course allows students to do independent intercultural research, interview locals, and experience local culture.

COST
$4,200–4,700
This cost includes LDS undergraduate tuition (6 credits), housing, two meals a day, all transportation costs, international health insurance coverage, visa to Ghana, and a donation to GHEI. Does not include international airfare, passport, malaria prophylaxis (preventative medication), travel vaccines, souvenirs, personal expenses, and breakfast. Students may fundraise to cover the donation to GHEI in order to lower their personal costs for the program. Students will also be asked to bring printed questionnaires and some basic office supplies (less than $40) to be used for data collection.

PREPARATION
Accepted students are required to participate in an international preparation course (IAS 369R, 1 credit hour). This second-block evening course will be held during winter semester. Accompanying spouses need to be credit-bearing participants on the program. Spouses will also need to apply online and take the preparation course.

FUNDING SOURCES
Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. Academic departments and colleges may assist with scholarships and grants. Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may also assist (see kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships).

APPLICATION PROCESS
Early application is encouraged as only 8 qualified applicants will be accepted. Students will be accepted into the program beginning 15 September, 2015 so early application is encouraged. It is expected that all applicants will be selected by 1 December 2015 but in the event spots are open the final deadline will be 15 January 2016. Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/apply. The application requires a $35 fee. Applicants will be interviewed once the application is complete. Students will be notified via e-mail of their acceptance into the program. Once accepted into the BYU program, students will complete an application for GHEI. This requires a $750 fee to hold your spot in the program due on 15 January 2016. After this date any of the remaining spots in the program will be filled by students from other universities.

Priority Deadline: 1 December 2015
Final Deadline: 15 January 2016

FACULTY
Randy M Page, Director of the Global Health Internship Program and Professor of Health Science is the faculty director for the program.

SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT
Students will be in Ghana approximately 3 weeks. Students will be required to complete and academic assignments prior to this time and upon returning home from the program.

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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS
ISP reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost estimates due to conditions beyond its control.