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 be 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. Students can opt to pay their own expenses to stay in Accra to visit Accra and the LDS Temple and other sites in Accra before departure from Ghana at the program’s conclusion. The program is limited to 8 students. Spots not filled by BYU students will be filled by university students and health professionals outside of BYU.

DATES
26 June–17 July 2017 (exact dates to be determined)

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, 1–3 credit hours), International Development Internship (IAS 399R, 1–3 credit hours), Applied International Health (HLTH 481, 1–3 credit hours), Mentored Research (HLTH 491R, 1–3 credit hours), LFSCI 199R (1–3 credit hours), or LFSCI 399R (1–3 credit hours). Three additional credits can be earned by taking either Directed Public Health
Readings (HLTH 492R, 1–3 credit hours) or Health Problems Workshop: Public Health in Ghana (HLTH 403R, 1–3 credit hours). 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.

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**

$3,600–4,100

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. Expenses for students opting to stay in Accra for a few days at the conclusion of the program are also not covered. 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. Students who submit the financial aid section of the ISP application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a Study Abroad scholarship. 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 up to 8 qualified applicants will be accepted. BYU students will be competing with students and health professionals outside of BYU for spots, but students applying for the program beginning 15 September, 2016 until 1 December will receive high preference for acceptance. It is expected that all applicants will be selected by 1 December 2016 but in the event spots are open the final deadline will be 1 February 2017. 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 2017.

**Deadline: 1 December 2016**

**FACULTY**

Randy M Page, Director of the Global Health Internship Program and Professor of Health Science is the faculty director for the program. Tana Page, Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Health Science, will be the Assistant Director.

**SCHEDULE AND TIME COMMITMENT**

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

**INTERESTED STUDENTS SHOULD CONTACT**

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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.