

# TropEd Profile Document (February 2022)

tropEd is a network of institutions for higher education in International and Global Health. It is a registered association of member institutions from Europe, the Americas, Africa, and Asia. Managed by an Executive Committee and a Secretariat, tropEd facilitates opportunities for postgraduate education and training that will improve the provision of health services for disadvantaged populations. The network facilitates the mobility of students and faculty, the exchange of interdisciplinary experiences and the establishment of common standards in education and training in international and global health. tropEd seeks to collaborate with other networks and institutions with similar goals.

Postgraduate education is the focus of tropEd members' institutional programmes. Via tropEd membership and collaboration, partner institutions aim to strengthen their contribution to capacity-building for health through the sustainable development of human resources, particularly in low- and middle-income settings and by enabling excellence in education and training through quality assurance and the setting of standards that agree with international priorities and concerns. The tropEd network achieves these aims via its members' exchanges of teachers, students, knowledge, skills, and the encouragement of interdisciplinary approaches to health education and training. At the undergraduate level, tropEd supports the view that health education should include training on globally significant health issues and their underlying environmental, cultural and socio-economic factors in addition to a main core of national relevance.

tropEd network members focus their education and training programmes on the science addressing poverty-related health problems in low- and middle-income settings. Emphasizing a gender- and diversity-sensitive and inclusive approach, tropEd members' International and Global Health programmes integrate public health relevant practices and perspectives from a range of natural and social science disciplines that encompass anthropology, biology, clinical and nursing sciences, demography, economics, epidemiology, management studies, nutrition, psychology, sociology, bioethics, ecology, statistics, (tropical) medicine as well as travel and migrant health. While learning about health systems, health economics, health policy and the management of health services are central topics in the tropEd network's education and training programmes, health promotion as well as the prevention and treatment of diseases, and rehabilitation also figure significantly. tropEd members' masters programmes offer a flexible modular structure and the recognition of educational achievement in a world-wide network.