

### Who Will Do The Work In Planetary Health?

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#### **Impact of Climate Change on Human Health**

Injuries, fatalities, mental health impacts

Asthma, cardiovascular disease

Heat-related illness and death, cardiovascular failure

Severe Weather Pollution Malaria, dengue, encephalitis, hantavirus, Rift Valley fever, Lyme disease, chikungunya,

Forced migration, civil conflict, mental health impacts

Environmental Degradation

Heat

Increasing Allergens

Respiratory allergies, asthma

**West Nile virus** 

Water and Food Supply Impacts

Water
Quality Impacts

Malnutrition, diarrheal disease

Cholera,
cryptosporidiosis,
campylobacter, leptospirosis,
harmful algal blooms

What should a planetary health workforce know?



#### What are Priorities Areas?

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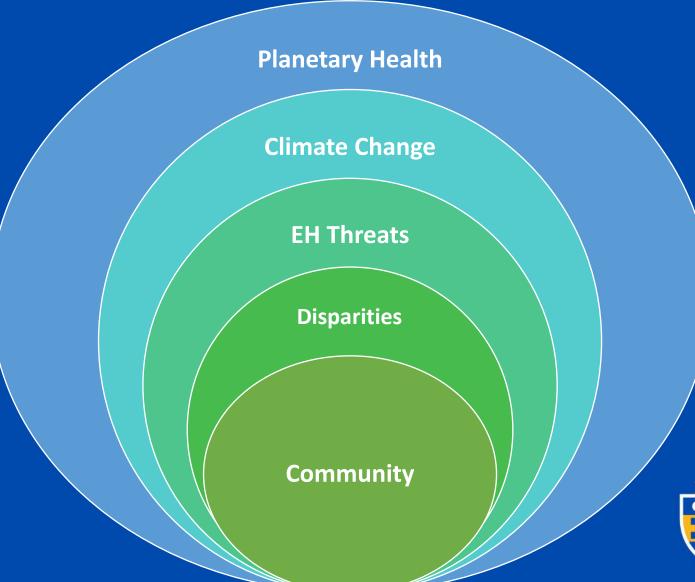
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- Infectious Diseases
- Extreme Heat
- Food and Water Security
- Poor Air Quality



Infectious diseases like COVID-19 top the list of health concerns. Marco Longari/AFP via Getty Images

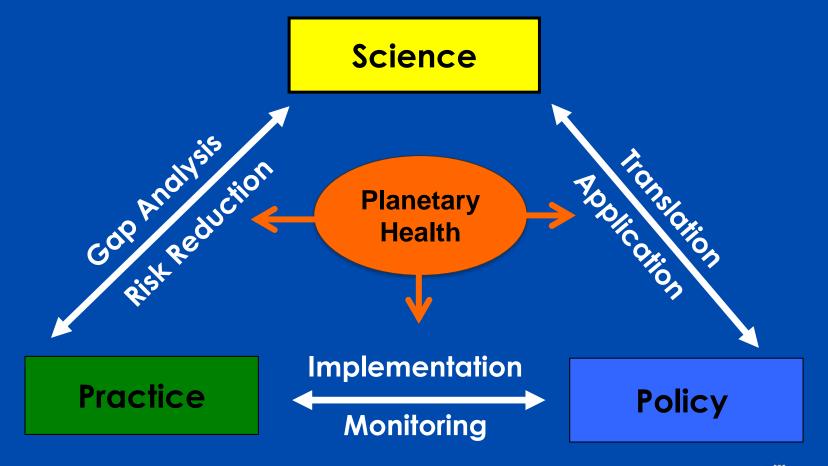
## Who should the planetary health workforce serve?



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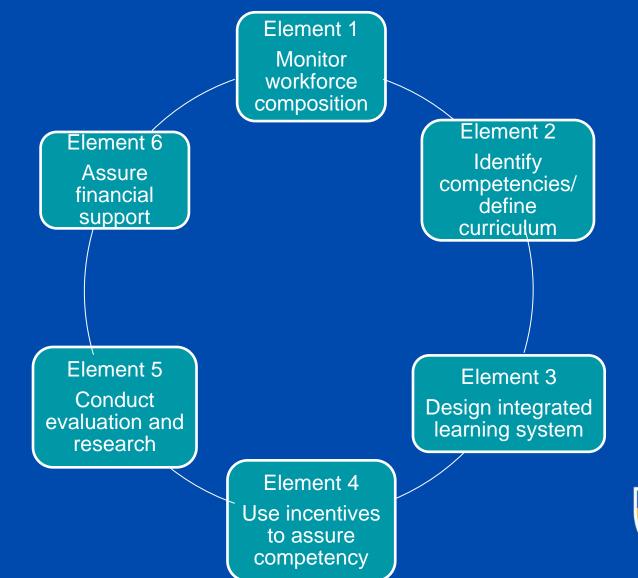
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#### planetary health workforce development integration





## Strategic Elements for Planetary Health Workforce Development



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## An example: Integrating Climate and Health in Medical Sciences Curricula

- Take a Climate and Health history: <a href="http://www.gulfcoastenvironmentalhealth.com/cont-ed">http://www.gulfcoastenvironmentalhealth.com/cont-ed</a>
- Convene Climate and Health grand rounds
- Integrate climate and health in clinical vulnerability assessments
- Develop transdisciplinary rotations
- Create climate medicine fellowships
- Develop and validate Climate and Health competencies
- Make Climate and Health an accreditation requirement





# Highest Priorities: Next Steps to Sustainability and Planetary Health Workforce Development

- Integrate an existing curricula
- Create learning opportunities across existing disciplines
- Create a new transdisciplinary cadre
  - Joint degree programs
  - "roving" residencies
  - Collaborative research training grants





#### Thank you!

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