Site List for International Health Elective

UW medical students have pursued electives abroad in dozens of countries. You may have a site in mind, or you may choose from sites where the UW has partnerships for health and where previous UW students have studied.

The Center for Global Health maintains a file with field reports from students who have studied abroad over the last 3 years. Come to our office (4256 HSCLC) to review the reports and talk with staff about potential elective locations.

Sites below do not have special language requirements unless specified. Most of these sites require a minimum 4 week commitment.

AFRICA

Uganda

Makerere University College of Health Sciences, Kampala
Specialty: All
Description: Large medical university, inpatient and outpatient community health
Contact: Dr. Cindy Haq, clhaq@wisc.edu
Website: http://med.mak.ac.ug/electives/
Previous UW students: 2004-present

ASIA

China

FuXing Hospital, Yuetan Community Health Service Center, Beijing & other sites
Specialty: Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)
Description: Month-long rotation in spring (usually April). In addition to didactic instruction in the principles and techniques of TCM (acupuncture, massage, herbal treatment), students will observe how TCM is practiced in Chinese community health centers and hospitals. Limited hands-on training in acupuncture and/or massage may also be provided. The first two weeks of the rotation will take place at the Yuetan Community Health Service Center in Beijing. The remaining time will be spent at similar institutions in another province. (In 2009 it was in Inner Mongolia.)
Contact: Professor Ken Kushner, PhD, Kenneth.kushner@fammed.wisc.edu

India

Various sites
Specialty: Ophthalmology
Description: Educational rotations which provide students the opportunity for international experience in eye care and advance their clinical and health systems development expertise.
Contact: Dr. Suresh Chandra, srchandr@wisc.edu; Phone: 263-9338
EUROPE

Norway
Gundersen Lutheran/University of Oslo Medical Student Exchange Program
Rotations in many specialty areas. No language requirement. Airfare and housing provided up to $1500.00 US dollars. Preference to students who complete Gundersen rotations in LaCrosse.
Contact: Paula Ebert, 1-800-362-9567 X 52057, pmebert@gundluth.org, for application and selection procedure.

LATIN AMERICA and the CARIBBEAN

Note: A listing of Spanish language programs in Guatemala, Mexico, Costa Rica and Ecuador which offer combined language training and clinical work is available. Credit is granted for the patient care component of such experiences.

Belize
Hillside Clinic, Eldridge (near Punta Gorda), Toledo District
Specialty: Primary Care, adult and pediatric, rural
Description: Primary care clinic serving rural Mayan, and Garifuna villages in Southern Belize. Long-term American trained volunteer faculty serve as preceptors. Students participate in clinical care, mobile outreach, health education and community health projects. Short-term faculty volunteers are often needed and welcome. Four slots for UW PA and medical students are usually available in both March and April. Slots may be available at other times of the year as well. Pharmacy students are scheduled through the UW School of Pharmacy and PA and medical students are scheduled through the GHI office. Housing and some meals are provided; $1450 elective fee for 2013.
Website: http://www.hillsidebelize.org
Local Contact: Jim Shropshire, MD, jhshrops@wisc.edu

Previous UW students and residents: From 1999-present, over 100 PA, Medical, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Public Health, Veterinary, and Engineering students, and Residents from the Department of Family Medicine have participated in Hillside rotations

Ecuador
Andean Health and Development, Pedro Vicente Maldanado (northern Ecuador)
Specialty: Primary Care, adult and pediatric, rural
Description: Primary care clinics and hospital established by Dr. David Gaus, a UW faculty member, serves rural communities in need. Clinical and public health outreach activities. Students must have strong Spanish skills. Refresher course prior to start of elective can be arranged.
Contact: Lori DiPrete Brown, dipretebrown@wisc.edu
Dr. David Gaus, david.gaus@fammed.wisc.edu
Website: www.andeanhealth.org
Previous UW Students: 1997-present

**Mexico**
Universidad de Guadalajara –Centro Universitario de Los Altos, Policinica, City: Los Altos, near Guadalajara (other sites possible)
Description: Clinic provides care in a number of specialties and some community outreach.
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