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## STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTH AND PRE-HEALTH SCIENCES

### BENEFITS OF STUDY ABROAD

- Learn international perspectives in health services
- Expand your cross-cultural communication and problem-solving skills
- Prepare you to work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace
- Globalize your world view
- Improve your language skills

There is much to be gained from understanding the health, medical practices, and cultural traditions of geographic regions outside your own. Study abroad is an exciting way to discover new approaches to the study of health services and build your professional skills.

Health and Pre-Health science students may want public health experience in the form of an internship or to research medicine and healing practices of other cultures. Or perhaps students would like to take program prerequisites like biology or chemistry in another country. A number of excellent programs are available that will help prepare you for work in our multicultural world.

### STEPS TO STUDY ABROAD

**Attend an Information Session or Consult the Web.** Information sessions are held regularly. You may attend a brief, one-hour session or consult the website listed below to learn more about study abroad.

**Research, Research, Research** Investigate potential study abroad locations based on your interest and personal goals for an international experience. Do you want to improve your second language skills? Are you looking for a guided experience or are you more independent? Do you want to be with lots of other students from the U.S. or would you like to be “one of the crowd” with host country students?

**Requirements** UTSA requires a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above. You should generally have at least sophomore status at the time of application. Check language requirements for non-English speaking countries.

**Consult the Study Abroad Library.** Check out the resources at the Office of International Programs (MB 1.210) for more information on program details, costs, and other information.

**Consult your Advisor.** Speak with your academic advisor to determine whether credits from your desired program will transfer back to UTSA. You will need to gather descriptions of courses in which you are interested in taking while abroad and meet with your advisor. He/she will help you determine if you will be able to receive credit for the experience.

**Apply!** Complete the necessary application(s) for UTSA and your chosen program. You must submit your documents and pay required fees by the established deadlines.

**Attend Pre-Departure Orientation.** All outgoing students must attend the Pre-Departure Orientation given by the Office of International Programs. You will be given the date and time well in advance and must make plans to attend. If you cannot attend, you must contact your Study Abroad advisor and make arrangements.

**Scholarships and Financial Aid** The University of Texas at San Antonio offers scholarships to students studying abroad. These scholarships range from \$300 to \$3,600 per student. Application forms are available in the Office of International Programs. Many students are surprised to learn that their existing financial aid, including their federal aid, is frequently transferable to studying abroad. UTSA allows students to use all federal, state and institutional aid for study abroad programs. Generally, federal financial aid requires that you earn academic credit toward your degree program while you are abroad in order for the experience to be eligible for aid. So volunteer programs, for example, are less likely to be eligible for aid. If you already receive financial aid and have already completed your FAFSA form for the academic year in which you intend to study abroad, you won't need to submit another one. However, if you've never submitted a FAFSA form before, you should leave yourself plenty of time to do so.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

*\*International Education Fund and Study Abroad application at UTSA.*

Spring-Oct. 15    Summer-Feb. 15    Fall-Mar. 15

### **Semester Programs:**

#### **Australia**

##### **University of Technology (Sydney)**

The City Campus of the University of Technology, Sydney offers an opportunity to study in the heart of one of the world's most diverse and desirable cities. UTS is a dynamic part of Sydney and one of the most respected universities in Australia and the world. A multicultural student body of more than 30,000 including 6,000 international students representing 110 countries enjoys the cosmopolitan lifestyle. UTS is renowned for its professional, career focused education. Academics and industry professionals deliver highly practical degrees to produce graduates with one of the highest employment success rates in Australia. UTS courses are structured to provide a balance between academic learning and practical application. There are a variety of health science courses available for enrollment. Students may enroll in courses in the following subjects: *Medical/Biomedical Science, Forensic Science/Biomedical Forensics, Nanotechnology, Midwifery, or Traditional Chinese Medicine.* (Sponsor: IFSA-Butler)

#### **Denmark**

##### **Danish Institute for Study Abroad (Copenhagen)**

DIS is a selective Danish educational institution offering high-quality study abroad program taught in English, in Copenhagen. Most of the students are from selective U.S. universities and receive direct credit transfer to their home institutions. Over 165 American other foreign universities constitute the formal DIS network of partner universities. Established in 1959, DIS is known among sending universities and former students to be intensive, demanding, and rewarding. DIS' unique academic environment, with courses including study tours and a focus on hands-on learning, has developed over the last half century. The curriculum is challenging, and in many ways different from established university traditions in both the United States and Europe. Available comprehensive courses under the health profession include *Aging in Northern Europe, A Biomedical Exploration of HIV/AIDS, Complexity of Cancer, Health Care in Scandinavia, Human Health and Disease: A Clinical Approach, Medical Biotechnology and Drug Development, and Medical Consequences of Western Lifestyles.* (Sponsor: DIS)

#### **England**

##### **Middlesex University (London)**

Middlesex is located on the north side of London and is spread across six campuses, including the Trent Park campus. All campuses are within commuting distance of the centre of London. Middlesex also offers internship and service learning opportunities. Health and Pre-Health Sciences courses may include: *Molecular and Cell Biology (including structure and function), Genetics, Pharmacology, Public Health, Health Studies, Herbal Medicine, Chinese Medicine, Midwifery, Physiology, Anatomy,* and more. (Sponsors: Arcadia, IFSA-Butler)

##### **The University of Sussex (Brighton)**

This program is specifically designed to give North American pre-med students the opportunity to gain international experience while still meeting the pre-requisites needed for

medical school. The University of Sussex recognizes that it is difficult for the pre-med student to study abroad while meeting all of their requirements for graduation. However, they also know that med schools are looking for well-rounded candidates and study abroad is looked upon favorably on medical school applications. This program was put together with both of these things in mind: to help you get international experience and to keep your studies on track. By choosing courses from a wide range of electives in subjects such as *Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Mathematics* you can earn credit towards your required prerequisite courses. Most courses are taught by a faculty member with experience teaching the same course in North America and follow an American text book. These courses can be taken in conjunction with liberal arts courses, allowing you to also gain credit towards your major or minor. As part of this program you will be assigned a Sussex Pre-Med Advisor, as well as take a specifically designed seminar course on the *British National Health Service.* (Sponsor: CEA)

#### **Germany**

##### **Technische Universität Dresden**

*\* Fall Semester Only*

The Technische Universität Dresden is one of the oldest and most prestigious technical universities in Germany. Since German reunification, the TUD has doubled in size by incorporating a full array of humanities, social sciences, and "pure" science departments as well. This program is offered for the Fall Semester only: August to December (All courses are taught in English). This program is designed for science students who want to combine science coursework in English with the study of German. It is further designed to fit neatly into science students' existing curriculum and requirements. Students will take an intensive beginning German course and choose three electives from the following: *Organic Chemistry I, Cell Biology, Basic Statistics and Probability, and Sociology of Culture.* (Sponsor: Boston University)

### **Summer Programs:**

#### **Costa Rica**

##### **Veritas University (San Jose)**

San José (1,000,000) is set in the lush central valley of the Costa Rican highlands. As the cultural center and capital city of Costa Rica, San José is home to many well-established universities. ISA students will be engaged both culturally and academically while studying at Veritas University or the ULACIT (Latin American University of Science and Technology). Students will have the opportunity to take medical Spanish classes. (Sponsor: ISA)

#### **Cyprus**

##### **Intercollege, Nicosia**

*Health Sciences Summer Program*

The summer in Cyprus: Health Sciences program allows pre-medical, nursing or other students interested in healthcare to learn about the differences in health care management between the United States and Europe as they relate to provision of care, funding, public health, patient education and legal environment. Classroom work is supplemented by site visits to 5-7 public and private hospitals and clinics in Cyprus. Nursing students can additionally attend a Practicum in a local private hospital which is a rare opportunity to receive real-life experience in a study abroad environment. Non-Nursing students will attend a course in European Cultures. Cyprus has a reasonably well-developed, social-oriented healthcare sector and is an interesting country to

explore the differences between the American and European model of health care on a manageable and accessible scale. (Sponsor: Global Learning Semesters)

### **Dominican Republic**

#### **Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra**

*Latin American Health, Nutrition & Environment*

\*Summer and Fall

\*Spanish Language Requirement

Study Latin American health and nutrition on this summer or fall semester option. During the summer, Spanish and a seminar on health and nutrition are offered, both taught in English. The fall semester offers Spanish and university courses in health sciences and other disciplines, taught in Spanish. It is an intensive experientially-based, practical program designed for self-starting students who are interested in health and nutrition and desire enriching academic and cross-cultural challenges. The first half of the program is comprised of an intensive Spanish language course and a seminar focusing on health, nutrition, and related environmental issues of the Latin American and Caribbean region. The second half of the program continues with educational field trips that deepen students' knowledge of health and nutrition, provide information for individual or partnered research projects, and allow students to experience the country's different regions. Past field excursions have included visits to nutrition centers, health facilities, and government and NGO project sites. (Sponsor: U-Iowa)

### **Europe- Multi Country**

*Comparative Health Policy and Law Multi-Country*

This program travels to London, to Amsterdam, and to Geneva to study how other nations deal with the care and treatment of the dying, rationing of health care resources, the care and treatment of the elderly, and assisted suicide. Students stay two weeks in London, and one week in each of the other countries. In all countries, lectures are given by persons in the field of health care. In Geneva there is a tour to the World Health Organization and other international organizations dealing with health care. (Sponsor: Syracuse)

### **Iceland**

#### **University of Iceland, Reykjavik**

*Exploring Healthcare in Iceland*

\*short summer program (12 days)

This cross cultural education opportunity is designed to provide students with the opportunity to compare and contrast the disciplines and professional practices of the health sciences, and the healthcare system and healthcare practices in Iceland and the United States, while providing an opportunity for students to experience living in this uniquely Nordic culture. Participants will have the opportunity to complete site visits to various primary and tertiary healthcare centers as well as related state-of-the-art health related organizations and corporations. Program applicants will receive three semester hours of UI resident credit for the experience. Individuals involved with the University of Iceland and the Iceland healthcare system will provide guest lectures during the program. (Sponsor: U-Iowa)

### **México**

#### **The Universidad de las Américas, Puebla**

This summer program is designed for students with advanced Spanish language skills to gain practical overseas experience. Improve your Spanish skills while doing a professional

internship in the medical fields. Learn about and see first-hand the myriad health care practices in Mexico through this innovative six-week program at UDLA. The program offers Spanish courses, a professional internship in local hospitals, specialized lectures on various aspects of Mexico's general health care system, and 1-2 weekend trips. (Sponsor: API)

## **OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Child Family Health International**

*Service Learning Programs in International Health for Medical, Pre-Medical, and Nursing students*

Since 1993, Child Family Health International has run international health, service-learning electives for over 2,700 pre-medical, medical and other students of the health profession. Students travel to Bolivia, Ecuador, India, Mexico, Nicaragua and South Africa to immerse themselves in new cultural contexts and to learn about the way healthcare is practiced and experienced worldwide. Service-learning is a structured learning experience that combines community service with preparation and reflection. Students engaged in service-learning provide community service in response to community-identified concerns and learn about the context in which service is provided, the connection between their service and their academic coursework, and their roles as citizens. Some programs also offer language training aside from the service learning. If you expect that you will need academic credit for your CFHI program, you will be responsible for getting your university's approval. CFHI can help you and provide you with the appropriate material. The program is from 4 to 8 weeks long and program arrival dates are available throughout the year. (Sponsor: CFHI)

### **International Service Learning**

*Field Experience In: Medical, Dental, Veterinary, Pharmacy, Optometry, & Nursing*

\*Summer and Spring Break dates available

\*Optional Language Training available

Hands on opportunities in medical, dental, optometry, nursing and pharmacy. Rotating assignments include field clinics, village triage, physical exams, meds distribution, eye exams and community health surveying. Programs include seminars in basic triage, tropical medicine and medical Spanish/ Swahili. Students will be trained in their area of interest to provide "house clinics", in-home/on-farm visits to screen for primary problems and make pre-diagnosis, resulting in a referral from student to come to a village clinic. At the clinic, students will participate, under professional supervision, in intake/exams/diagnosis/treatment plan and the prescribing of the appropriate medications. Financial aid and academic credit is available. Programs usually last about 1-3 weeks in a variety of locations such as Mexico, Belize Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama, Tanzania, Uganda, , and Guyana.(Sponsor: ISL)

## **PROGRAM SPONSOR CONTACT INFO**

Affiliated Study Abroad Programs are coordinated and managed by outside organizations and companies. Program costs are set by each program provider and vary with the length of program, location and cost of living. Programs are generally available for the summer, fall or spring semester or academic year.

### **API**

<http://www.academicintl.com/>

### **Arcadia**

<http://www.arcadia.edu/cea>

### **Boston University**

<http://www.bu.edu/abroad/>

### **IFSA-Butler**

<http://www.ifsa-butler.org/>

### **CEA**

<http://www.gowithcea.com>

### **CFHI**

<http://www.cfhi.org/>

### **DIS**

<http://www.dis.dk/>

### **Global Learning Semesters**

<http://www.globalsemesters.com/index.html>

### **ISA**

<http://www.studiesabroad.com/>

### **ISL**

<http://www.islonline.org/>

### **Syracuse**

<http://suabroad.syr.edu/>

### **U-Iowa**

[http://www.uiowa.edu/~uiabroad/UL\\_programs.htm](http://www.uiowa.edu/~uiabroad/UL_programs.htm)

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Please note your study abroad options are not limited by the programs listed here. For more information on additional study abroad opportunities such as intensive language programs and/or internships in your field please contact the Office of International Programs.