



International Health Program

Mission:

To prepare culturally competent physicians with an understanding of and appreciation for international problems of health and illness. Students will gain a more complete perspective of existing health care systems, and of the practical challenges of delivering care in an international setting.

Program Requirements:

- Health Care in Developing Countries Elective offered during Year 1: a course that discusses factors influencing global health. Topics include, but are not limited to: maternal/child health, water and sanitation, health care for immigrants and refugees, malnutrition, and common infectious diseases. Students are also required to present a project on the health care system of a foreign country.
- Summer Travel Elective: Students are expected to complete a travel elective with an underserved population, domestically or abroad, for a minimum of two weeks. This travel experience must meet current elective criteria and have approval from the Biennium I Electives Subcommittee. A pre-requisite for Summer Travel Elective is the Health Care in Developing Countries course described above or an approved equivalent experience.
- Health Care in the Global Community Elective offered during Year 2: a weekly seminar based on student-led discussion. This elective begins the clinical exploration of the impact of global health. Topics include, but are not limited to: natural disasters, terrorism, health economics, chronic disease management, epidemiology of global health, and the relationship that exists between the United States and the rest of the world (research, pharmaceuticals, and foreign aid).
- International Travel Elective: Students are expected to complete a travel elective with an underserved population, domestically or abroad, in their 4th year. This travel rotation must meet current elective criteria and have approval from the Biennium II Curriculum Committee.

To complete the above components of the International Health Program track, participants agree to complete and submit all relevant BSOM required forms in addition to the following forms unique to international travel:

1. International Elective Sponsor Form
2. International Elective Agreement with WSU BSOM
3. International Elective Student Evaluation Form

Eligibility:

Students must maintain a 76% average through Biennium 1 to participate in the International Health Program.

Participant Agreement:

I agree to complete the WSU BSOM International Health Program requirements.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit this form to Student Affairs and Admissions, 190 White Hall. For questions, contact Dr. Katherine Cauley at (937) 258-5546 or katherine.cauley@wright.edu.