

## Elective Description

**Campus:** All Campus

**Department:** Family Medicine

**Elective/Experience Title:** Australian Family Medicine Experience

**Course Number:** FMED 9001

**Location of Elective:** James Cook University, Townsville, Queensland, Australia

**Prerequisite:** Must have finished all required clerkships for Phase II

**Revised Curriculum Phase(s):** Phase 2/3

**Preceptor(s):** Suzanne McKenzie, MD; Associate Professor

**Period(s) Offered:** By arrangement in the third year of medical program (February –October)

**Number of students per period:**

**Purpose:** To provide education and experience in the care and treatment of the general medicine/family medicine/general practice patient in Australia and to promote international exchanges of medical information and techniques.

**Objectives:** Following successful completion of this elective, the student will be able to:

1. Describe general medicine/family medicine/general practice in North Queensland, Australia.
2. Reflect upon acquired knowledge to inform future practice.

**Instructional Activities:** During this elective, the student will be involved in/experience:

1. Lectures or clinical skills sessions at James Cook University.
2. Participation in a family medicine clinic, other specialized health facilities/clinics, and/or hospital departments.
3. Completion of selected readings from a text book provided by James Cook University.
4. Meetings and discussions with staff, students and representatives from the Student Rural Health Club (RHINO) at James Cook University.

**Criteria for Grading:** During and following this elective, the preceptor will:

1. Evaluate attendance at learning activities made available through James Cook University.
2. Evaluate the level of engagement during discussions and meetings with the James Cook University students and staff.
3. Provide comments about the exit interview with a member of the James Cook University Faculty.  
Evidence of evaluation of the elective experience, including:
  - a. observations about the health system.
  - b. reflection about the similarities and differences between the health systems in each country,
  - c. how and why the elective did or did not meet the student's expectations.
4. Submit a copy of the above reflection statement and other evaluations completed by supervisor(s) in Australia to the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.
5. Complete the standardized UNDSMHS senior elective evaluation form.

Special Note:

This elective is arranged through James Cook University. An application to the School of Medicine and Dentistry, James Cook University is required six months prior to the proposed elective. The elective is contingent upon the availability of preceptors in Australia.

Faculty members the University of North Dakota cannot guarantee that elective opportunities will be available in North Queensland. Therefore, advanced planning and contact with the Department of Family & Community Medicine at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences is strongly advised. As part of the reciprocal arrangement, students may be requested to provided housing and "mentorship" for a James Cook University student on placement.

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