

Elective Description

Campus: Northeast

Department: Interdisciplinary

Elective/Experience Title: International Elective Experience – Haiti **Course Number:** MED 9555-01

Location of Elective: Mission of Hope, Titanyen Haiti
777 Route Internationale
Titanyen, Haiti
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Preceptor(s): Bryan S. Delage MD

Period(s) Offered: Spring and Fall (Scheduled times – contact Department for Dates)

Number of students per period: 3

Purpose: To increase the student’s exposure to global health and systems of healthcare at international locations. To gain a better understanding of implementation of Population Health initiatives and engaging International partners.

Objectives: Following successful completion of this elective, the student will be able to:
(Corresponding year 4 objectives and UND Competencies listed after each objective).

1. Identify the impact a foreign student has on the local healthcare system by completion of the online module “The Practitioner’s Guide to Global Health Part 1”. (Y4-07, competencies 4.3, 5.2, 5.4, 5.9, 8.1)
2. Identify the safety and health concerns for the student participating in an international elective, especially those present in underdeveloped countries by completion of the online module “The Practitioner’s Guide to Global Health Part 2”. (Competencies 5.4, 5.9, 8.1, 8.3)
3. Identify safety measures that must be completed prior to and during the international elective by following the attached guidelines and completing “The Practitioner’s Guide to Global Health Part 3”. (Competencies 1.1, 8.1, 8.3)
4. Develop your clinical skills of obtaining a history through the use of an interpreter, diagnosing common tropical diseases, as well as most common diseases seen in country and creating a treatment plan with limited resources. (Y4-01, Y4-03, Y4-06, Y4-16, Competencies 2.9, 3.1, 3.3, 4.1, 5.5, 6.1)
5. Develop cultural competence in dealing with patients culturally different than your own and with limited or no English proficiency. (Y4-06, competencies 3.9, 5.5, 6.1)
6. Develop a useful guide for the best medical practice (for Continuous Quality Improvement CQI* for Mobile Medical Teams) for one of the most common pathologies affecting the Haitians. Complete this task with the understanding that most Haitians do not have access to many diagnostic tests and treatments found in the USA. (see attached template and list of diagnoses). (Y4-15, Competencies 1.8, 1.9, 2.8, 4.4, 6.3, 6.4, 7.3)

7. Briefly describe the ongoing progress toward population health efforts seen during your rotation, and any recommendations for improvement. (competencies 1.9, 2.8, 6.3, 6.5)
8. Discuss briefly in your reflective writing the differences seen in the Haitian Healthcare system in comparison to the Healthcare System in the US. (competencies 1.4, 1.9)
9. Reflect on the impact the international educational experience has on your future healthcare career. (competencies 1.1, 1.2, 1.3)

Blue highlighted areas should be covered in the Reflective writing paper, and the useful guide (objective #8) should be a PowerPoint presentation that could be suitable for video production. *CQI refers to a system of continuing to review and improve existing practices based on new information and outcomes data that might improve the overall patient outcome.

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

1. All pre-departure tasks outlined in the attached document must be completed prior to departure.
2. Completion of the online program: The Practitioner's Guide to Global Health Parts 1-3 (<https://www.edx.org/course/practitioners-guide-global-health-bux-globalhealthx>) prior to departure.
3. Participation in an international health elective through UND Department of Family and Community Medicine in conjunction with Mission of Hope, Haiti with local instructors; as well as NDSU College of Nursing. Students will work on an Interprofessional Team with other students and medical professionals from other disciplines as well as other providers, providing supervised medical care on mobile medical teams within their scope of training, participating in training activities with local providers, and helping with population health efforts in and around Titanyen Haiti through the efforts of Mission of Hope and HaitiOne.
4. Completion of a reflection upon return which fulfills objectives # 6,7,8,9.

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

1. Utilize the standardized UNDSMHS senior elective evaluation form.
2. The form will be completed by Dr. Bryan S. Delage MD from the Department of Family and Community Medicine as the primary preceptor.
3. By direct observation evaluate the student's written reflection completed upon return.