International Elective Procedure:

Accepted electives for credit:

1. UND sponsored electives (ie: Peru, Norway exchange)
2. GHLO sponsored rotations. See details regarding GHLO below.
3. Rotations approved on an individual basis by the Office of Student Affairs
   These rotations must:
   1. have the proper level of supervision available for the medical student.
   2. have a supervisor who is able to fill out the SMHS 4th year elective evaluation form (preferably electronically).
   3. have a policy or procedure regarding the health and safety of the student in the event of a needlestick or splash exposure.
   4. have learning objectives for the student while on the rotation.
   5. meet the travel requirements specified below.

GHLO:

GHLO is a centralized application service for international rotations through the AAMC (similar to VSAS for domestic away rotations).
UND is a GHLO home school. We will send UND SMHS students to other institutions but will not be accepting applications for visiting students to our school through GHLO.

Travel restrictions and requirements:

- UND SMHS will not approve the travel of a student to an area with a US State Department travel warning which discourages all but essential travel to the area. Other US State Department warnings will be reviewed on a country by country basis and may prevent approval of the elective.
- International electives must be registered with the UND International Center. The student must contact Emily Dougherty at Emily.dougherty@und.edu one month prior to your rotation.
- The student must be registered with the US State Department’s STEP program prior to departure.
- The UND SMHS malpractice insurance does not cover a student’s experience while on an international rotation. If malpractice insurance is required while on the rotation, the student must purchase this independently.
- All UND students studying abroad are required to purchase the Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) health insurance which specifically covers international health issues that most domestic health insurance does not cover for health related issues outside of the U.S. ($40 per month)
• The student will be required to receive vaccinations recommended by the CDC for their international destination prior to travel
• The student must have a passport which is valid 6 months after the expected return date, carry a copy of the passport in a separate safe location and leave a second copy with a trusted source at home.
• The student is responsible for determining whether they also need a Visa for travel on the international elective.

Prior to travel, the student must complete: edx: BUx: GlobalHealthX The Practitioner’s Guide to Global Health
  • The Practitioner’s Guide to Global Health Parts 1-3
    o https://www.edx.org/course/practitioners-guide-global-health-bux-globalhealthx
    o Do not need to pay for certificate, but must submit a screenshot of your completed progress page.
    o Part I ideally completed 6-12 months prior to departure
    o Part 2 1-3 months prior to departure
    o Part 3 immediately prior to departure

Fees:
The student is responsible for the $45 GHLO application fee, any fees associated with passports, visas, travel, travel and health insurance, room and board, tuition if charged by the institution they are doing the rotation through and any other incidental costs incurred during the rotation.

• Please check with your personal health insurance prior to getting travel vaccines as these are often no longer covered

Credit for Rotations

• To receive credit for the rotation, the student must complete all pre rotation requirements as specified above
• Upon return, the student will complete a written reflection on their experience discussing differences seen in healthcare between their international site and home and relating their experience abroad to their future career and the impact the international rotation has had on their planned practice of medicine.