Elective Description

Campus: Northeast  
Elective/Experience Title: International Elective Experience  
Department: Interdisciplinary  
Location of Elective: Various International Sites  
Course Number: MED 9555

Preceptor(s): Susan Zelewski, MD (local) and international preceptors on site  
Period(s) Offered: All except during Match week  
Number of students per period: Any

Purpose: To increase the student’s exposure to global health and systems of healthcare at international locations.

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

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”.

2. Identify the safety and health concerns present 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”.

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 2”.

4. Discuss the differences seen in the international location’s healthcare system versus that in the U.S.

5. Reflect on the impact the international educational experience has on his or her future healthcare career.

6. Complete other objectives as specified by the international rotation.

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 either UND sponsored (see elective descriptions for Norway and Peru electives), a GHLO elective or other approved elective for UND Credit (see attached specifics). Educational activities at the international sites will vary by location and elective chosen.

4. Completion of a reflection upon return which fulfills objectives #4 and 5.

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

1. Utilize the standardized UNDSMHS senior elective evaluation form. (This needs to be listed on each elective description.) The form will be completed by a preceptor at the international rotation site.

2. By direct observation evaluate the student’s written reflection completed upon return.