

Furman University Study Away Program: Program Expectations

Program Title: Health and Medicine in the Global Context-Cambodia

Locations: Cambodia (Phnom Penh, Kratie, Siem Reap, Mondulkiri)

Dates: May 10-31, 2023

Program Description: This global clinical course is aimed to provide students an opportunity to examine health care delivery while observing clinical practice in a geopolitical context different from that of the United States. The course will center on clinical practice and analyze social determinants affecting service delivery, patient experience, and health outcomes. Students will have the opportunity to observe clinical care in four clinical departments at two sites within Chenla Children's Healthcare in eastern Cambodia. This course provides an opportunity for students with aspirations of attending health professional schools to gain clinical exposure and firsthand experience to drive comparative analyses of global healthcare models.

Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations for Participation

Below is a list of academic, environmental and physical expectations and requirements for participation in this study away program. The list captures most, but not all, requirements. If you have questions about the expectations and requirements, please check with the study away office or the program directors. Students requiring a physical or academic accommodation should contact the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR) no less than 4 months prior to the start date of the program.

	Frequency		Frequency
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional	STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Always, Sometimes, Never/ Required or Optional
Course work in a foreign language	Not required	Foreign Language Environment	Cambodian
Course work in English	Always	Terrain (Mountains, Tropical, Forest, Desert, Hilly, Flat)	Mixture of mountains, flat, tropical, uneven terrain (most likely unpaved)
Laptop Required	Required	Population: Rural, Urban, Remote, etc.	Urban, rural and remote
Smart phone required (videos, photos, blogs)	Required	Environment (high altitude, air pollution, dusty, sandy, humid, dry, hot, cold)	Hot and humid
Traditional Classroom	Sometimes	Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	Yes - please see required immunizations at the end of this document.
Group Work	Always	Is tap water safe to drink	Never (bottled water will be provided)
Academic Assessments (tests, journals, presentations, essays)	Journal, presentation, written assignments	Other Risks (natural disasters, crime, pickpocketing, etc.)	Caution should be exercised when visiting towns with undomesticated animals.
Interactions with local residents	Always	Cultural Dress Code	No, however medical scrubs and sturdy closed-toed shoes are required in clinic settings.
Field Work/Research	Never	Curfew	Never
Internship/ Volunteer Work	Community clinical outreach day	Motion Sickness	Plane and van travel
Other	Clinical observations	Other	

PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS		HEALTH & DIET	
Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional		Frequency	
Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional		Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	
Lifting/Carrying Own Luggage	Always	Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available at all meals	Always
Carrying equipment or program supplies	Never	Food Allergy Accommodations	Always
Standing 60+ minutes	Always	Group Meals	Most of the time
Ability to walk up one or more flights of stairs (elevators may not be available)	Always	Cooking for oneself	Never
Hiking (easy to strenuous; frequency; miles)	Sometimes	Host family prepares meals	Never
Walking 3+ miles per day	Potentially on an excursion	Healthcare easily accessible	Always
Use of public transportation (buses, trams, trains, subways)	Never	Quality of Healthcare	Excellent
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS		WATER ACTIVITIES	
Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional		Always, Sometimes, Never, / Required or Optional	
Host Family	Never	Swimming	Optional
Roommate	Always	Snorkeling	None
Shared Apartment	Never	SCUBA	None
Dormitory	Never	Boat, canoes or other water activities	None
Camping	Never	Sea sickness	None
Hotel	Always	Other	
Cell phone signal available	Not guaranteed	Center for Disease Control Recommendations: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/cambodia	
Internet signal available	Not guaranteed		
Refrigerator Access	Always		
Air Conditioning	Only at night		
Other			

REQUIRED VACCINATIONS FOR HEALTHCARE SETTING:

In addition to the COVID vaccine, students will need the following immunizations: Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Japanese Encephalitis. Students may elect to get the rabies vaccine, however, the Chenla sites have it onsite should a student experience an animal bite.