

CHI 192 S INTERNSHIP

Latino Health Program Chicano Studies Oaxaca Mexico

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students participating in the Latino Health Program, UC Davis, Chicana and Chicano Studies Quarter Abroad Program, will spend at least 140 hours in clinical rotations at hospitals, clinics and health centers in Oaxaca City, as well as 3 weeks of public health experience in Puerto Escondido, Mexico. As part of the internship, medical preceptors at the various sites, which include Hospital Civil, ISSTE, local health clinics and health centers, will supervise you.

In Puerto Escondido, students will join health department staff and learn about public health campaigns to address malaria, dengue, chagas and other tropical diseases. In addition, students will learn about reproductive health in the region from the medical director of the program and local nursing staff. In addition to the medical rotations, students will receive weekly classes (6 hrs. per week) for 9 weeks to enhance their Spanish language fluency and learn medical Spanish. Typically, student will spend a minimum of 12 hours a week (Wed, Thurs, Fri) in their internship shadowing doctors, observing exams, surgeries, births and learning from medical preceptors.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Weekly attendance to the internship is mandatory. Professional demeanor and appropriate attire are required. Specific attire for each location will be reviewed in Oaxaca and is noted in the students' handbook. Students benefit from proactive behavior, asking questions, and being eager, culturally humble learners. Weekly meetings with the medical director in Oaxaca, Dr. Magaly Chavez occur on Mondays.

In case of illness that precludes your attending clinical rotation, you must notify Dra. Chavez and Dra. Flores promptly, so that clinic directors or hospital training directors are notified of your absence in a timely manner.

GRADING

P/NP grade is based on attendance, participation, and quality of the journal and completion of minimum required hours of internship experience.

JOURNAL Students are to keep a journal of their clinic activity, documenting observations, questions, and overall impression. The entries should include a reflective engagement with lectures and readings for Chi 21S and Chi 145 S. The journals are submitted to Dra. Yvette Flores on September 30, October 30, November 13 and on December prior 4, to departing Oaxaca. Electronic journals are acceptable. Prior to departing Oaxaca, each student is to do a self-evaluation of their internship. Assess your level of participation, what barriers you encountered, what you wished you had done differently, and major take-aways of the experience.

Once the internship is completed, you are to answer questions posed in the Internship and Career Center website to receive transcript notation. A passing grade is based on successful and appropriate completion of the internship experience. Professor Flores and Dr. Chavez meet and confer regarding each student's participation in the program; after such a meeting the passing grade will be noted.

Please note: IT IS NOT APROPRIATE TO TAKE Photographs of patients, medical procedures, and clinic or hospital staff and post on social media. If you have such photographs, you may be dismissed from the program. Taking photos of your friends in scrubs or with hospital staff WITH THEIR PERMISSION is o.k. At all times the dignity and privacy of patients must be respected and safeguarded.