

CFHI PROGRAMS are 4-12 week Global Health Immersion Programs that offer first-hand experiences alongside local physicians in developing countries. Programs combine instruction, experience, service, and reflection, to create a model that supports physicians, clinical sites and communities abroad, addresses the healthcare needs of the underserved, and adds a unique experiential element to each participant's professional development.

What Are the Objectives of CFHI Programs?

- **Increase** cultural competency
- **Observe** and develop existing clinical skills
- **Broaden** public health knowledge
- **Develop** creativity in problem-solving
- **Deepen** a commitment to service and to working with underserved communities

What Are Our Hopes for Our Participants' Personal Development?

- Identify & deepen one's humanism and cultural sensitivity
- Improve self-reflection skills and increase self-awareness
- Explore issues of social justice
- Transform perspectives about oneself, global health, & healing

Is the Program Hands-on or Observational?

The purpose of CFHI programs is to provide first-hand (rather than hands-on) exposure to the way healthcare is practiced at our various sites. During rotations, you will be working with qualified medical professionals who be your preceptors. They will involve you in patient care and clinical opportunities that they deem appropriate, and act as a supervisor, teacher, and mentor. It is extremely important to be open-minded and welcome the diversity and differences in medical care you are sure to encounter, and show interest, enthusiasm, and ask questions to get the most out of your experience. Keep in mind the following factors all affect your CFHI clinical experience:

- The level of experience and education you have had in a clinical setting
- Your comfort level with procedures and tasks open to you
- Language ability- determines your interactions with local patients and, in rural settings, your preceptor
- Local laws, designed to protect patients, may limit what you can do while in clinic
- Perhaps the most important factor- the relationship you have with the preceptor/supervisor

Socially Responsible and Financially Just Model- The Community Benefit

While a participant's ability to practice medicine abroad may be limited, your contribution to the community through CFHI is not an illusion. Funds generated by program fees go to services provided on program, in addition to directly supporting the communities that host you. CFHI feels strongly that physicians who work with our students should be recognized as experts, thus CFHI compensates them for their time and mentorship. This supplementary income promotes job retention in countries where physicians are paid small salaries, often by financially strapped governments. CFHI also supports physicians through important initiatives at program sites including medical supply and equipment donations, Community Health Initiatives, and funding professional development opportunities.

If you'd like to speak to CFHI alumni about their experience, email alumni@cfhi.org.

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2011 ARRIVAL DATES:

January 8, 2011
February 5, 2011
March 5, 2011
April 2, 2011
April 30, 2011
June 4, 2011
July 2, 2011
August 6, 2011
September 3, 2011
October 1, 2011
November 5, 2011
December 3, 2011

BOLIVIA:

Chagas in Southern Bolivia- \$2,225
Pediatric Health in La Paz, Bolivia - \$2,225

ECUADOR:

Amazon Community Medicine, Ecuador: \$2,395
Amazon Indigenous Health, Ecuador: \$2,450
Andean Health in Quito, Ecuador: \$2,395
Reproductive Health in Quito, Ecuador: \$2,450
Sonrie Ecuador- Dental Program in Quito, Ecuador: \$2,395
Urban & Rural Comparative Health, Ecuador: \$2,395
Vector-borne Diseases in the Ecuadorian Amazon: \$2,450

INDIA:

Communicable Diseases in Mumbai, India: \$2,395
Introduction to Traditional Medicine, India: \$2,295
Maternal and Child Health in Pune, India: \$2,365
Public Health & Community Medicine in India: \$2,350
Rural/Urban Himalayan Rotation, India: \$2,295
Sight for All- Ophthalmology Rotation in New Delhi, India: \$2,350

MEXICO:

Cultural Crossroads in Health in Oaxaca, Mexico: \$2,465
Tropical Medicine & Rural Health on the Coast of Mexico: \$2,395
Women's Reproductive Health, Mexico: \$2,395

SOUTH AFRICA:

Healthcare Challenges in South Africa, Cape Town: \$2,495
HIV/AIDS & Healthcare in Durban, South Africa: \$2,495

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