UNC School of Medicine  
Global Health Elective  
Student Feedback Form

Information that you provide will be made available for future UNC students to use in planning educational electives in global health and international medicine. It must be completed in order to receive elective credit for your rotation OR funding through the Office of International Activities (Becton-Tannenbaum, Perkins Burke, Medical Alumni Loyalty Fund Global Enrichment Fellowships and International Health Fellowships). Please complete and return to the Office of International Activities (shawes@med.unc.edu or Martha_carlough@med.unc.edu)

I. STUDENT INFORMATION
A. Student Name: Jessica Waters
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C. Phone/cell number (optional): 857-523-0932
D. Graduating year from UNC Medical School: 2013
E. Check when you took this elective:  
   [ ] Summer between 1st and 2nd year  
   [ ] 3rd year  
   [x] 4th year  
   [ ] Other: __________________________
F. What UNC Department and course did you register for this elective through?  
   __________________________
G. Faculty advisor: Dr. Sylvia Becker-Dreps
H. Dates that you completed the elective:  
   March 4 - April 1  
   Year: 2013
I. From the list below, select the one choice that best describes your motivation for taking this elective:
   ___ interest in global health  
   ___ desire to get experience for CV/job opportunities  
   ___ interest in travel  
   ___ family of origin reasons  
   ___ interest in helping others  
   ___ other: ________________________________  
   [x] desire to learn/improve Spanish skills
J. What was the major emphasis of this elective:
   [x] medical Spanish and Latino health  
   ___ global health research  
   ___ clinical care in an international setting  
   ___ community health/development  
   ___ Other: ________________________________
K. Was this a ___ group experience or [x] individual experience?

II. ELECTIVE PROGRAM INFORMATION
A. Country where you completed the elective:  
   Guatemala
B. City: Quetzaltenango (Xela)
C. Name of Program or Hospital where you worked: Hospital Las Rosas (also known as Hospital Santa Monica)
D. Website address (if available):  
   Spanish classes through Proyecto Linguistico Quetzalteco (www.plqe.org)
E. From the list below, select the choice that best describes how you first learned about this program:
   [x] referral from a friend/personal contact  
   ___ web site information from: ________________________________  
   ___ another student who went there  
   ___ other: ________________________________
F. Name of program person you worked with and contact information:  
   At the hospital, I worked with Dr. Luis Angel Diaz (internist and the school doctor) and Dr. Fredy Orozco
G. Costs
   Tuition: $600 (3 wks of class)  
   Roundtrip travel: $700  
   Other expenses you incurred, including vaccinations, supplies (please list type and amount):
   $10 for ciprofloxacin
   ________________________________  
   ________________________________  
   ________________________________
H. Did this program/hospital have a religious affiliation?  
   [x] YES  
   [ ] NO
If yes, with what group: ____________________________

I. Did this program/hospital have an academic affiliation? ____YES  ____NO
If yes, with what institution: ____________________

III. GLOBAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE CHARACTERISTICS
A. List three educational outcomes you achieved with this elective
1. __________________________________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________________________________
3. __________________________________________________________________________________
B. Was the experience a good use of time for you during medical school? ____YES  ____NO
C. Did you have adequate clinical supervision? ____YES  ____NO
D. Did you have adequate opportunities for hands-on clinical work? ____YES  ____NO
E. Would you recommend this elective to other medical students? ____YES  ____NO

If YES, Why? I would recommend PLQ as a language school to anyone wishing to increase their Spanish skills

If NO, Why? In terms of clinical time, I think Las Rosas is too small of a hospital/clinic to see a wide variety of

F. Was the program responsive to your needs? ____YES  ____NO

G. Did you have appropriate arrangements for housing, food and safety/health issues? ____YES  ____NO
If NO, please describe: ________________________________________________________________

H. Did you have adequate information about what to expect in advance? ____YES  ____NO
If NO, what would have been helpful: __________________________________________________

I. Did you feel that you had adequate support from UNC in setting up this opportunity? ____YES  ____NO

THANK YOU!!! THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP FUTURE STUDENTS !!!

Additional Comments:

I felt the Spanish school I attended, Proyecto Linguistico Quetzalteco (www.plqe.org), did an excellent job of teaching conversational and medical Spanish. I received 5 hours of 1-on-1 instruction Monday through Friday, which was truly personalized to my level and needs, and feel that I learned a lot. The school also offers lectures regarding the history of Guatemala, politics and human rights, and health topics, as well as cultural activities in the city of Xela and surrounding towns. While in Xela, I arranged my own clinical experience with the school doctor, Dr. Luis Angel Diaz (internal medicine), and his partner, Dr. Fredy Orozco Linares (pediatrics) at their private hospital and clinic. It was a small but full service facility, including inpatient, outpatient, labor and delivery, and surgical services. My preceptors were extremely welcoming and attentive to questions; the experience was mostly a shadowing opportunity, so for students who want a more hands-on experience I would recommend going through a designated medical Spanish program. I also found the hospital and clinic to be somewhat small with a limited number of patients, so it would probably be more high-yield to see patients in one of the larger public hospitals or clinics. However, I really appreciated discussions with Drs. Diaz and Orozco regarding the running of a private practice in Guatemala, the health care system in general, and the management of common illnesses. Future students interested in doing an elective in Xela should feel free to contact me with any questions (jessica.waters@gmail.com).