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 (shay_slifko@med.unc.edu or Martha_carlough@med.unc.edu)

I. STUDENT INFORMATION  
A. Student Name: Lyman Woollens  
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C. Phone/cell number (optional): 919-478-1826  
D. Graduating year from UNC Medical School: 2018  
E. Check when you took this elective:  
   x Summer between 1st and 2nd year  
   3rd year  
   4th year  
   Other:  
F. What UNC Department and course did you register for this elective through? Office of International Activities  
G. Faculty advisor: Dr. Evan Ashkin  
H. Dates that you completed the elective:  
   August 3  
   Year: 2015  
I. From the list below, select the one choice that best describes your motivation for taking this elective:  
   x interest in global health  
   desire to get experience for CV/job opportunities  
   interest in travel  
   family of origin reasons  
   interest in helping others  
   other:  
   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 individual experience?  

II. ELECTIVE PROGRAM INFORMATION  
A. Country where you completed the elective: Mexico  
B. City: Juventino Rosas  
C. Name of Program or Hospital where you worked: Proyecto Puentes de Salud  
D. Website address (if available): http://www.med.unc.edu/pps  
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  
   another student who went there  
   web site information from:  
   other:  
F. Name of program person you worked with and contact information: Dr. Evan Ashkin: Evan_Ashkin@med.unc.edu  

G. Costs  
   Tuition: 0  
   Roundtrip travel: $480  
   Other expenses you incurred, including vaccinations, supplies (please list type and amount): $500: Travel/Food
H. Did this program/hospital have a religious affiliation?  ____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. Practice gathering medical sociology data in the field as a part of a research team
   2. Experience Mexican culture in many different communities and explore the implications on public health.
   3. Continue my mastery of the Spanish language in a fully immersive experience.

B. Was the experience a good use of time for you during medical school? x __YES __NO
C. Did you have adequate clinical supervision? x __YES __NO
D. Did you have adequate opportunities for hands-on clinical work? x __YES __NO
E. Would you recommend this elective to other medical students? x __YES __NO

If YES, Why? Working with Proyecto Puentes de Salud this summer was an incredibly valuable experience. Not only was I able to actively participate in data collection for an ongoing research study in the heart of Mexico, but I also gained a lot of leadership experience as a member of the research team. I was able to strengthen relationships with my classmates and help continue to build the trust between UNC and numerous communities surrounding Juventino Rosas. In addition to the research project, we were able to discuss different history-taking, counseling and other clinical skills with Dr.’s Evan Ashkin and Sandy Clark. I truly enjoyed my experience in Mexico and miss/respect many aspects of the culture, such as the music, dancing, focus on family unity. Living in a culture different than your own will change the way you see the world and will help you connect with the Spanish-speaking population here in the United States. Also, living in Juventino Rosas, a town where we were the only English-speaking residents, was very helpful in helping me continue to master the Spanish language. During our time here I was also able to find a boxing trainer, with whom I trained 4 days/week and travel during the weekends to places to hike in Guanajuato and Queretaro.

If NO, Why? ________________

F. Was the program responsive to your needs? x __YES __NO
G. Did you have appropriate arrangements for housing, food and safety/health issues? x __YES __NO
   Please describe: Homestay in Juventino Rosas in close proximity to a respected hospital ________________

H. Did you have adequate information about what to expect in advance? x __YES __NO
   What would have been helpful: A more complete inventory list following completion of that summer’s project
I. Did you feel that you had adequate support from UNC in setting up this opportunity? x __YES __NO

J. Please include any additional information or feedback you would like to include for students engaging in future international rotations:
I thoroughly enjoyed my experience in Juventino Rosas. I do believe that the more experience speaking Spanish and knowing some medical terminology, the better of an asset you will be to your team. If anyone has questions about how a typical day goes, please let me know and I would be happy to talk with them about specific aspects of the program.

K. What could the OIA have done differently or better to support you in your international elective? : 

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

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