

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](mailto:shawes@med.unc.edu) or [Martha\\_carlough@med.unc.edu](mailto:Martha_carlough@med.unc.edu))*

**I. STUDENT INFORMATION**

- A. Student Name: Jessica Waters
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- D. Graduating year from UNC Medical School: 2013
- E. Check when you took this elective:  
 Summer between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year  3<sup>rd</sup> year  4<sup>th</sup> year  Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- F. What UNC Department and course did you register for this elective through? Family Medicine, GBLE 401
- 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: Quetzaltanango (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 Orozcc
- 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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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- H. Did this program/hospital have a religious affiliation? \_\_\_\_ YES X 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. Increased conversational and medical Spanish proficiency
2. Observed clinical care in a small urban hospital and clinic
3. Learned about the political history and health context in Guatemala, including traditional healing practices

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](http://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](mailto:jessica.waters@gmail.com)).

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