MIGRANT HEALTH SERVICE-LEARNING, TUCSON, AZ

2023
PROGRAM DETAILS:
REVIEW BEFORE APPLYING

Medical Students take MH Course & MHSL experience (5 spots)
Gillings students can take the MH Course & apply for a few spots on the MHSL experience
MIGRANT HEALTH COURSE: 8 WEEKS

- Starting date: JAN 9, 1:35-3:05
- PH students register at Gillings; Med students will register for MS2 credit
- Team taught: Dr. Laura Villa Torres (PH) and Dr. Moira Rogers (OGHE)
- Course is pre-requisite for Tucson experience

The course examines the migration phenomenon in the Americas from a global public health perspective. We take a broad understanding of migration, as the process of moving from one’s place of origin to another forced by different factors (i.e., economic, political, environmental), and migrating with different documentation status (i.e., asylum seekers/ refugees, undocumented/irregular, work visa holders). We examine different patterns of migration in the region of the Americas, the effects on the health of migrants, and the opportunities and challenges to intervene at different points of the migration cycle.
TUCSON SL EXPERIENCE

FEE: $1,500
MAY 27-JUNE 4
FULL PARTICIPATION EXPECTED

PROGRAM FACILITATORS
Dr. Evan Ashkin, Family Med.,
Dr. Laura Villa Torres, Gillings
Dr. Moira Rogers, OGHE

- Interdisciplinary Team of 12-14 participants
- Shared housing (Airbnb)
- Volunteer at Casa Alitas: a non-profit that supports migrant families by providing hospitality and short-term housing, humanitarian aid, and support in reuniting with family members in the US.
- Desert experiences with Humane Borders and Tucson Samaritans (watch video of 2022 pilot testimonials here and review slides here)
- Daily group meals and guided reflection
- Final integration paper due June 15 and commitment to present at Global Health Forum in the fall.
REQUIREMENTS
1. MANDATORY TRAINING

- Psychological First Aid (UN Certificate)
- Desert safety
- Casa Alitas document review
- Group agreement

10-12hrs asynchronous
2 meetings in person (tba)
2. SKILLS

- Flexibility
- Ability to deal with chaotic/quickly evolving circumstances
- Empathy to interact with migrant individuals and their families
- Strong command of Spanish preferred
- Spirit of collaboration and commitment to group well-being
3. AVAILABILITY

- Full participation (no exceptions)
- Group travel (Sat. May 27 – Sunday June 4)
* Clinical Rotations & PH Practicums –
* 2 weeks after Tucson experience
  (limited number of participants) tba
WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR APPLICATION

Thank you!
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