

EDUCATION ABROAD IN PRE-HEALTH



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WHAT'S NEXT?

- Take the Education Abroad Workshop
- To discuss program options, make an appointment online with an education abroad advisor according to your country or region of interest.

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BENEFITS OF AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Health professional admissions committees have expressed the opinion that study abroad offers students an opportunity to broaden their undergraduate experience, especially by developing a student's maturity and cultural awareness. There are numerous education abroad programs that offer a tailored curriculum to the health fields, as well as the chance for practical experience, such as clinical observations and hospital visits that will augment your understanding of another country's healthcare system as well as your own country's system.

ACADEMIC & TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Planning ahead is key to identifying a study abroad program that meets your goals as a pre-health student, particularly if you want to participate in a semester-long program. Students are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to study and engage in service opportunities or clinical environments in foreign cultures. When planning your coursework abroad, Pre-Health Advisors do NOT recommend taking your pre-health pre-requisite courses unless they are for direct-UVA credit. However, you are encouraged to take non pre-requisite science or non-science coursework that will broaden your knowledge and skill set. Additionally, while there are circumstances when science pre-requisite coursework during the summer can be justified, Pre-Health Advisors most commonly discourage taking science pre-requisite coursework during the summer if you plan to study abroad during the academic year.

International Opportunities in Pre-Health

This is just a starting point and students are not limited to these options.

Africa

- **Senegal**, University of Minnesota: Senegal: Dakar: Studies in International Development*
- **South Africa**, UVA in South Africa: Cape Town: Public Health Sciences§
- **South Africa**, SIT: South Africa: Durban: Community Health and Social Policy§

Asia

- **India**, IFSA: India: Contemporary India*§
- **Singapore**, UVA Exchange: National University of Singapore

Europe

- **Cyprus**, Global Semesters: Cyprus: Health Sciences
- **Denmark**, DIS: Denmark: Biomedicine
- **Denmark**, DIS: Denmark: Medical Practice & Policy
- **Denmark**, DIS: Denmark: Neuroscience
- **Denmark**, DIS: Denmark: Public Health
- **Scotland**, UVA in St. Andrews: Science for Health Professions
- **Spain**, UVA in Valencia
- **Spain**, IES: Spain: Madrid

- **United Kingdom**, UVA Exchange: University of Nottingham§
- **United Kingdom**, IFSA: United Kingdom: Brighton: University of Sussex

Latin America

- **Chile**, IES: Chile: Santiago: Health Studies*§
- **Chile**, SIT: Chile: Arica: Public Health, Traditional Medicine, and Community Empowerment

North America

- **Canada**, UVA Exchange: McGill University

Oceania

- **Australia**, UVA Exchange: University of Queensland
- **Australia**, TEAN: Australia: Melbourne: Monash University
- **New Zealand**, UVA Exchange: University of Auckland§
- **New Zealand**, UVA Exchange: University of Otago

West Indies

- **St. Kitts**, UVA in St. Kitts and Nevis: Public Health Sciences§
- **St. Kitts**, UVA in St. Kitts and Nevis

* Internship available

§ Fieldwork/field study available

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

"The reason I have chosen to major in Spanish instead of Chemistry or Biology is because I am interested in working with underserved groups- such as the rapidly growing Hispanic population. Therefore, the UVA Hispanic Studies Program was perfect for my interests; I was able to enroll in a course called Comparative Healthcare Systems, as well as Spanish for Healthcare Professionals. I never thought I would find a way to combine my passion for Spanish with my desire to help people through healthcare.."

-Jeffery Roberson, UVA in Valencia, summer , Spanish Major



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