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Location: Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India

Partner Organization: Meenakshi Mission Hospital and Research Center (MMHRC) http://www.mmhrc.in
Mission: World class care within everybody’s reach.

Course Description
This course is designed for University of Iowa students planning to work in a medical setting. The course will expose students to healthcare in India by providing intimate experiences in a hospital setting that includes extensive time spent with clinicians on a variety of specialty wards and in various clinics. All students will rotate through four areas in Rehabilitation Medicine: Orthopedics, Neurology, Cardio, and Respiratory. In addition, students will have opportunities to spend time in Clinical Medicine Services which includes: Cleft Palate, Nephrology, Pediatric Oncology, Diabetes, OBGYN, ENT, Gastric Surgery, Pediatrics, Hospice & Palliative Care, and Emergency Medicine. Classroom time will be spent discussing clinical observations and investigating the more common pathologies observed. Students will be expected to maintain professional behaviors in their interactions with medical staff, patients and their families. This is a seminar course, requiring students to participate extensively in the discussions. At the end of the course students will be expected to participate in formal presentations to the MMHRC staff.

Some of the past students who have benefited greatly from this experience were students with professional aspirations such as: MD, PA, PT, OT, and Med SW.

The Intent of the Course:

1. For students to gain an understanding of health and health-related states, in the context of India’s healthcare system, through interactions with patients and medical staff.
2. Prepare students for the practical issues they will face on a day-to-day basis working in hospital settings.
3. Provide a supportive environment to analyze observations made in clinical settings.
4. To improve our understanding of Indian life and culture through acceptance, tolerance, and broad-mindedness.

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to meet the following overall objectives:

2. Generate a Case Study report, with in depth analysis of the patient’s medical history, treatment, and prognosis, to include interviews with the patient and family, and medical staff.
3. Learn strategies for interacting with patients where communication is difficult.
4. Become more knowledgeable about medical conditions, how they limit function, and result in disability.
5. Improved appreciation for Indian life and culture.

Grading:
- 20% for maintaining professional behaviors and interactions with MMHRC staff, patients, and families
- 50% for participation in group activities, which include organization and presentation of materials related to the underlying anatomy, physiology, and disease processes, associated with observed clinical conditions, from specific medical services, to include case study examples
- 30% for an individual case study report which includes patient history summary, medical progression summary, and where possible, interactions with the clinician, the patient, and their family, related to short and long term goals and expectations for quality of life. This final report will also include personal reflections on what this experience has meant for the student and if and how it has changed their professional goals.

Administrative Home:
International Programs, University College is the administrative home of this course and governs matters such as the add/drop deadlines, the second-grade-only option, and other related issues. Different colleges may have different policies. Questions may be addressed to 111 Jessup Hall or see: [http://uc.uiowa.edu/academics](http://uc.uiowa.edu/academics).

The application deadline is Monday, September 21st. The India Winterim program application is available on the Study Abroad web site (under the “Application” tab): [http://international.uiowa.edu/india-winterim](http://international.uiowa.edu/india-winterim). UI students submit their applications through an online form to Study Abroad. Students from other colleges/universities, please visit the web site for application instructions.

Waitlist Procedure:
This course can accommodate no more than 30 students. If more than 30 students apply, admission to this course will be determined by the course instructors based on their review of all applications and evaluation of the following criteria:
- Classification (preference given to juniors, seniors, and graduate/professional students)
- Relevance of overall coursework completed before the program (preference given to those who have taken a human anatomy or physiology course)
- Relevance of professional goals and motivation as described in the 300-word Statement of Purpose essay

If more than 30 students apply, Study Abroad will maintain a waitlist and will notify any students who are waitlisted. Further information will be sent out at that time to waitlisted students about next steps and alternate options.

For information about scholarships and financial aid, go to http://international.uiowa.edu/study-abroad/funding.

Students may contact Study Abroad advisor Cory Petersen to discuss the application process, scholarships, and financial aid. To schedule an appointment, please call Study Abroad at 319-335-0353 (M-F, 8-5) and the receptionist who answers the phone can help you set up an appointment with Cory in International Programs, 1111 University Capitol Centre.