Global Health
Field Course in Vietnam

Course Description
The 3-week Global Health field course in Vietnam introduces concepts of global health from a unique Asian perspective. You will learn about the healthcare system in Vietnam and study one major public health concern in particular - infection prevention and control (IPC) in healthcare settings.

A week of skills development through classroom learning, workshops, field visits and general cultural immersion is followed by two weeks of service-learning at Vietnamese hospitals and health centers. Here, you will work hand in hand with service providers to help assess and discuss different ways to minimize public health risks.

In addition to IPC, you will also learn about various important healthcare services within different communities, such as nutrition programs for mothers and children, health education and promotion, and community health workers and their role. Throughout the course, local students from the University of Medicine & Pharmacy will join your delegation.

AT A GLANCE
Locations:
Ho Chi Minh City & Hue (Vietnam)

Host institutions:
GEI
University of Medicine & Pharmacy, Hue

Dates:
June 20-July 11, 2019

Fees:
Tuition: US $1,615
Room & board: US $615
Health insurance: US $60
TOTAL: US $2,290

Academic credits available from The College of New Jersey at an extra fee

Highlights
• Explore healthcare concepts and programs in resource-limited settings.
• Work hand in hand with local healthcare providers at hospitals and health centers.
• Learn how to analyze IPC protocols, and design and provide workshops for medical and non-medical staff.
• Gain invaluable intercultural competence relevant to your field of study.
• Explore the ‘Asian Dragon’ through unique excursions and immersion experiences.
• Create once-in-a-lifetime memories, and build lasting friendships.

www.global-engagement.org/student_program/global-health-vietnam
Enrollment Requirements
There are no academic prerequisites. To be eligible to apply for this course, students should be enrolled in a major or minor in public health or a related area in the health sciences, natural sciences or social sciences. Enrollment is generally reserved for sophomores, juniors and seniors, or by consent of the instructor. Graduate students and professionals are welcome to apply for participation without credits.

Course Requirements & Student Evaluation
- Course participation and engagement (25%)
- Weekly reflective journal or blog (10%)
- Journalistic article (10%)
- Group presentation (25%)
- Essay relating to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (30%)

Instructor: Waleed Fatth, MScPH, BPharm
A trained pharmacist with a Master’s degree in Public Health, Waleed is the Global Instructor for our Global Health field courses. He is typically assisted by experienced local university lecturers and instructors. Prior to working with GEI, he supervised the implementation of Infection Control protocols in all health facilities of Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières) in his native Yemen.

Location
The program is set in Central Vietnam with its culturally and historically rich UNESCO World Heritage sites Hue and Hoi An, the gateway city Danang, its pristine beaches and the breathtaking Central Highlands. Students are typically hosted at a local guesthouse or at the partner hospital. Excursions are arranged to visit attractive historical and cultural sites.

What’s Included in the Course Fees
Fees include the tuition, arrival day airport meet and greet, accommodation with breakfast, transportation for all excursions, meals during course activities (typically all lunches and selected dinners), on-site orientation, course-related activity and entrance fees, full-time on-site coordination and support, and a travel and medical insurance.

Not included are the transportation to/from the destination airport (including international airfare and taxes), visas, immunizations, some of the meals, items and services of a personal nature, and the academic credits.