

# Doctors in Italy Informational Letter

## Target Students

Graduate and Undergraduate Nursing Students

## Location

Genoa, Italy

## Dates

April 21<sup>st</sup>-May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Arriving on a Saturday allows for jet-lag recovery over weekends and a full 2-weeks for shadowing. (There are two holidays in Italy during this time in which students will be free.)

## Cost

\$3,950 program fee + airfare + meals (cost will vary based on preferences) + spending money. The hotel, in-country transportation, several meals, and cultural activities will be provided by Doctors in Italy and is included in the cost. Initial deposit of \$1,975 is due February 24<sup>th</sup>. Final payment of \$1,975 is due March 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Group size

We anticipate selecting 20 TTUHSC students.

## Program Leaders

Laura Opton, DHSc, RN, CNE & Amy Moore, DNP, APRN, FNP-C

## Living facilities

Faculty and students will reside in a nice hotel near the rail station. Reliable, quality WIFI will be available in the hotel. There are several eating establishments and a laundry mat nearby.

## Shadow Experience

Students will partner with Italian health care workers at a local hospital. Efforts are made to partner with nurses and doctors who have some mastery of the English language.

Rotations are scheduled for Monday-Friday, 4-6 hrs/day with 1 day off each week. Experiences will be in the hospital and in outpatient clinics. Students will shadow in pairs of 2 with oversight provided by TTUHSC faculty, MSN Education students, and medical staff affiliated with Doctors in Italy. The principle in-hospital shadow leader will be a nurse with good English communication skills.

Italy currently requires a three dose COVID vaccination to access hospitals and out-patient clinical environments. Students who cannot meet this requirement will not be permitted to participate. Please note, this is a requirement of the Italian government and Doctors in Italy, not TTUHSC. The requirements may change prior to this trip. Faculty will notify students of any changes.

### **Planned Excursions**

Doctors in Italy will provide a full day excursion and several cultural activities during the week. TTUHSC faculty, and in-country leaders will attend. Examples of activities may be a cooking class, sightseeing, group dinner at local restaurant, etc.

### **Weekends**

The Doctors in Italy team will provide options and suggestions for weekend tours, trips, and activities, including options for any budget. Potential options include excursions to Venice, Capri, and the Amalfi Coast; day trips to Pompei and hiking in Umbria; exploration of Rome's museums and relaxing on surrounding beaches. Genoa is a beautiful city to explore & students can find many things to do there if they don't want to travel. If students want, they may leave after clinic on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. May 1<sup>st</sup> is a holiday in Italy and students may return on Monday to prepare to be in clinic on Tuesday. Weekend activities are an additional expense and not covered in the program cost.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible to participate in an International Program for Students, a person must be a student at the University. For the purposes of an International Program for Students, a student is defined as all persons taking courses at the University, either full-time or part-time, pursuing undergraduate, graduate or professional studies, specifically excluding School of Medicine House Staff. Persons who are not officially enrolled for a particular term but who have a continuing relationship with the University or who have been notified of their acceptance may be considered students.

For the purposes of an International Program for Students, a person is considered to have a continuous relationship with the University if the person was enrolled at the University for the preceding semester and:

- Is registered or preregistered for the following semester; or
- If the person has not completed the person's degree program, is eligible to continue the degree program in the following semester; or
- If the person completed a degree program in the preceding semester and is admitted to another degree program at the University for the following semester.

In addition, persons must be in good academic and disciplinary standing as determined by the person's school at the time the person applies for an International Program and at the time of the dates of travel. Good disciplinary standing is defined as relating to a student not currently on disciplinary probation; or, a student, whose disciplinary suspension, expulsion or conditions and/or restrictions imposed, if any, have been totally fulfilled in a timely manner.

Per OP 10.29, International Programs for Students, International Programs are part of a degree program. As such, schools will determine course credit being awarded for an International Program in accordance with OP 60.05.

## **Withdrawal/Refunds**

TTUHSC is not liable for funds paid for travel to airlines or the host institution/organization or other fees of any kind or character related to the trip if a person is no longer eligible or can no longer participate in the international program. As such, the person is responsible for any and all financial losses that may be incurred.

## **Pre-departure Requirements**

All students selected to participate in the trip are expected to complete the TTUHSC International Program pre-departure requirements. Additional information about the pre-departure requirements can be found at the TTUHSC Office of Global Health website:  
<https://www.ttuhsu.edu/global-health/requirements.aspx>.

## **Team Meetings**

Selected participants will be expected to attend a series of mandatory pre-trip meetings to prepare for the program abroad. Each meeting will be conducted via Zoom and is anticipated to last approximately one hour.

## **Application**

The application for participation in the program can be found at:  
<https://student.ttuhsu.edu/global-health/doctors-italy.aspx>.

## **Trip Specific Questions**

Please contact Amy Moore, DNP, APRN, FNP-C at [amy.moore@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:amy.moore@ttuhsc.edu) or Laura Opton, DHSc, RN, CNE at [laura.opton@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:laura.opton@ttuhsc.edu)

## **General Questions about International Programs at TTUHSC**

Please contact the Office of Global Health at [globalhealth@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:globalhealth@ttuhsc.edu).