
Panama International Program

July 15-24, 2023

General Information:

An international program for students has been planned for Panama for course and/or clinical credit for TTUHSC students. Designation of course credit will be dependent upon the individual student's program of study.

Students will complete health assessments and provide primary care in a medically underserved community in Panama. Participants will see both adult and pediatric patients. Patient care will include a focus on child wellness and developmental care, preventative screening measures, primary care services, and health promotion activities.

In addition, participants will conduct community public health activities that will possibly include a public health project (such as latrines or water wells).

This program will include a clinical immersion component scheduled for July 15-21 and a cultural immersion component scheduled for July 22-24. All students are required to participate in the clinical and cultural components—both of which are considered part of the TTUHSC program.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by Monday, May 8. A \$350 deposit is due to Global Medical Brigades by Monday, May 15. Full payment is due by Thursday, June 15.

Please note: TTUHSC does not require students be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 to participate in our international programs. Global Medical Brigades, our on-the-ground partner organization, currently does not require participants be vaccinated. Please be aware that the vaccination policy of Global Medical Brigades and vaccination requirements of the Panamanian government could change. If there are any changes, this information will be communicated by faculty leaders as quickly as possible.

Application:

The application for participation in the program can be found at:

<https://student.ttuhsu.edu/global-health/gmbpanama.aspx>

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.

More information will be provided to program participants about Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) Insurance.

Selection of Participants:

The TTUHSC faculty leaders will select approximately 20-30 students to participate. If necessary, a rubric will be utilized to determine participants from the applicant pool. Selected participants will be notified after eligibility has been determined (1-2 weeks after application close date). A wait list will be in effect if needed.

Cost:

The estimated cost for the trip is \$2,000 (includes all lodging, meals, supplies, administrative costs, cultural excursion, and transportation while in Panama) + airfare + spending money.

Funding information can be found on the OGH website: <https://www.ttuhs.edu/global-health/funding.aspx>. Please note: for the Global Medical Brigades Panama program the due date for summer funding applications is being extended to May 15.

Team Meetings:

There will be 6-8 mandatory pre-trip planning meetings that all students are required to attend. Each meeting will be scheduled via Zoom and is anticipated to last approximately one hour.

Pre-departure Requirements:

All students selected to participate in the trip are expected to complete 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.ttuhs.edu/global-health/requirements.aspx>.

Trip Specific Questions:

Please contact Julie St. John, DrPH, MA, CHWI at julie.st-john@ttuhs.edu or Kendra Thornton, DNP, MSN, RN, CA/CP SANE at kendra.thornton@ttuhs.edu.

General Questions about International Programs at TTUHSC:

Please contact the Office of Global Health at globalhealth@ttuhs.edu.