
Piura, Peru International Program

August 12-20, 2023

General Information:

An international program for students has been planned for Piura, Peru 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 (survey, focus groups, interviews) and evaluate utilization and upkeep of a composting latrine built by volunteers in July 2022. This will allow TTUHSC to assess current needs as well as evaluate current utilization and thoughts regarding the composting latrine in order to gauge potential need for additional latrines. Students will have the opportunity to work interprofessionally across diverse fields including: healthcare (medical, nursing, health professionals, pharmacy), public health, community organizations (local governments, schools, etc.) and local higher educational institutions. Students across disciplines and institutions (TTUHSC and Abilene Christian University) will work with each other and also with local Peruvian students for an enriching, meaningful experience.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by July 1, 2023. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 is due from selected participants by Monday, July 10. Deposits will be paid to Olive Branch Ministries – Peru. Payment in full must be made to Olive Branch Ministries – Peru no later than August 1.

Application:

The application for participation in the international program can be found at:
<https://student.ttuhsu.edu/global-health/peru.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 international program 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 3-5 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 eligibility has been confirmed). A wait list will be in effect if needed.

Cost:

The estimated cost for the international program is \$1,250 (includes all lodging, breakfast, administrative costs, and transportation while in Peru). Not included in the cost are the following: domestic flight (Lima to Piura, approximately \$250-\$500), international airfare (approximately \$1200), meals, and spending money.

Funding information can be found on the OGH website: <https://www.ttuhsu.edu/global-health/funding.aspx>.

Team Meetings:

There will be 4 mandatory pre-travel planning meetings that all students are required to attend. Each meeting will be scheduled via Zoom. Each meeting is anticipated to last approximately one

hour. In addition, faculty leaders may need to meet with students to discuss and finalize projects related to the program.

Pre-departure Requirements:

All students selected to participate in the program 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.ttuhsu.edu/global-health/requirements.aspx>.

Program Specific Questions:

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General Questions about International Programs at TTUHSC:

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