
DUMAGUETE CITY, PHILIPPINES
International Program for Students
October 6 - 17, 2023

General Information:

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

TTUHSC nursing students will work collaboratively with students and faculty from Silliman University College of Nursing to provide patient care at approved clinical settings. Students will have the unique opportunity to learn from students at a similar level of training in a medically underserved region of the Philippines.

Community assessment activities will be developed and available for Master of Public Health (MPH) students. MPH students will work in collaboration with students from the Silliman University public health program.

In addition, opportunities to learn from Silliman University nursing faculty in the use of complementary medicine such as acupuncture and herbal treatments will be available.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by June 15th. A non-refundable deposit of \$750 is due from selected participants by June 23rd. Deposits will be paid to Olive Branch International.

Please note: TTUHSC does not require students be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 to participate in our international programs. However, currently travelers to the Philippines must present proof of vaccination or negative RT-PCR results from a test taken within 48 hours or a negative laboratory-based antigen test taken within 24 hours of departure from their country of origin in order to enter the Philippines. Silliman University also requires participants be vaccinated in order to access their facilities. COVID-19 protocols can shift due to changes in the pandemic status and responses vary country to country. Be alert to any changes for entry into the Philippines. This information is current as of April 13th, 2023.

Application:

The application for participation in the trip can be found at: <https://student.ttuhsu.edu/global-health/philippines.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.

Cost:

The cost of the program is \$1475. This cost includes all lodging, most meals, and transportation while in the Philippines; domestic flight from Manilla to Dumaguete City; administrative fees; and international program fee paid to Silliman University. The cost of the international flight is not included and can vary with your point of origin and choice of airline.

Selection of Participants:

The TTUHSC faculty leaders will select approximately 20 nursing and MPH 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. A wait list will be in effect if needed.

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.

Team Meetings:

There will be a series of mandatory pre-trip planning meetings that all participants are required to attend. Each meeting will be available via Zoom. Each meeting 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>.

Specific Questions about the Philippines International Program:

SON students: please contact Dr. Wendy Thal at wendy.thal@ttuhsc.edu.
MPH students: please contact Dr. Rubini Pasupathy at rubini.pasupathy@ttuhsc.edu.

General Questions about TTUHSC International Programs:

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