Doctors in Italy 2027

April 23 – May 7, 2027

General Program Information:

The TTUHSC Office of Global Health has organized an international program in Italy through Doctors in Italy, offering course and/or clinical credit for students enrolled at TTUHSC. The awarding of academic credit will depend on the individual student's program of study and its specific requirements.

The primary objective of this program is to enable students to critically examine and compare the Italian healthcare delivery model with the U.S. system. This will be achieved through observational experiences in various departments within an Italian hospital, structured didactic sessions on the Italian healthcare system, and guided reflection.

To support this comparative study, each student will be paired with Italian healthcare professionals, with an effort to match students with English-speaking nurses and physicians. Observational rotations are scheduled Monday through Thursday, for 4–6 hours per day. Rotations will take place in hospital settings, with potential experiences in outpatient clinics. Students will shadow in pairs of two to three, with oversight provided by TTUHSC faculty and medical staff affiliated with the Doctors in Italy program. Team-based cultural immersion activities take place in the afternoons, with a designated cultural excursion scheduled once per week.

International Program Cost:

The international program fee is €4,220 (approximately $4,735 USD), and includes lodging, in-country transportation, select meals, administrative costs, and select cultural activities.

Additional expenses **not** covered by the program fee include international airfare (approximately $1,500), additional meals, and personal spending.

Selected participants must submit an initial payment of €2,110 (approximately $2,368 USD) by Friday, February 5, 2027. Deposits will be paid to Doctors in Italy through a provided payment link. Full payment is due to Doctors in Italy by Friday, March 5, 2027.

Information regarding available funding can be found on the Office of Global Health (OGH) website: https://www.ttuhsc.edu/global-health.

Application Process:

The application for this international program is available at the following link: https://student.ttuhsc.edu/global-health/doctors-italy.aspx

Applications are due by Sunday, January 10, at 11:59 PM CT. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by January 18, 2027.

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.

Participant Selection:

The TTUHSC leadership team will select approximately 15–20 students for the program. Should demand exceed available spots, a selection rubric will be used. Applicants not initially selected may be placed on a waitlist.

***Withdrawal and Refunds*:**

TTUHSC is not responsible for any financial losses associated with airline bookings, program fees, or other expenses if a participant becomes ineligible or unable to participate. Participants assume responsibility for any financial losses incurred in such situations.

Mandatory Team Meetings:

Selected students are required to attend 7 mandatory pre-travel team meetings starting the week of January 25, 2027. Meetings will be conducted via Zoom and are expected to last approximately one and a half hours each.

Pre-departure Requirements:

All participants must complete the TTUHSC International Program pre-departure requirements. Detailed information on these requirements is available on the Office of Global Health website at https://www.ttuhsc.edu/global-health.

For Additional Information:

Please contact the Office of Global Health at globalhealth@ttuhsc.edu with any questions regarding the Doctors in Italy International Program.