Global Health: Population Health and Primary Care Perspectives Elective
Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar

Background

To fulfill its objectives in education and research and strengthen and augment WCMC-Q's relationship with the local and international community, the Department of Global and Public Health offers a four-week Global Health elective course for senior medical students. The proposed course will introduce students to topics in population health and primary care from a global health viewpoint. This will enable students to optimize their awareness and knowledge in these areas.

Elective Focus and Content

In this elective, students are introduced to various global health topics with a special focus on population health and primary health care. This information is provided in the context of global health. The elective provides information and experience related to public health practice and policy, primary care and public health research. Discussion on health care delivery systems and specific programs from countries in the Middle East and other nations from around the world will be used to complement the information provided in the course. Field/hospital visit opportunities in Qatar will also be made available. The experience provided will be commensurate with the student's qualification and background.

At the end of the rotation, students will have gained a greater knowledge and understanding of major global health issues including a) global burden of disease, b) social, economic and political aspects of health care systems around the world, and b) community aspects of population health and primary care practice.

Format

The course is presented by means of lectures and seminars in the specific topic areas. Interactive discussions, site visits to health care organizations and facilities, and teamwork are integral parts of the course. The students will also review literature on a topic of interest and write a report/paper/review prior to the culmination of the program.

The course is open to WCMC-Q and other medical students from accredited medical schools (which appear in IMED and AVICENA) around the world. Students from these schools must meet the following requirements.

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Requirements for Admission to the Program (Non WCMC-Q Students)

Students who meet the following criteria will be considered for the program.

1. Basic Science Curriculum Completion:
The equivalent of an American medical college basic science education, including coursework in anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, microbiology, pathology, pharmacology, and basic health quantitative sciences or equivalent education.

2. Student currently enrolled at an accredited college:
The student applicant should be in good academic standing.

3. English language facility. Students whose native language is not English, may be required to submit proof of English language facility.

4. Letters of Reference:
All applicants should submit a minimum of two letters of reference written by their teachers and their principals/college advisors.

5. Personal Statement:
All applicants should submit a personal statement. The statement should address the student’s interest in and motivation for joining the global health elective, career goals and his/her vision on how this elective experience at Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar will contribute to their future career path.

Students interested in the program must submit the following by email to Dr. Sohaila Cheema, Director, Department of Global and Public Health, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (soc2005@qatar-med.cornell.edu):

a) Completed application form
b) Copy of passport
c) Most recent transcript / term report
d) Dean’s letter of good academic standing
e) Relevant copies of standardized tests if taken (USMLE)
f) Proof of proficiency in English language (e.g TOEFL report), when indicated.
g) Recommendation letters
h) Personal statement

Interviews will be granted to applicants whose credentials most closely meet our selection criteria. Interviews are required to help the program committee in selecting students suitable for the elective.
Notification of Selection for Interns

Students will be notified by email if they have been selected for the program.

Upon acceptance into the program, interns must submit the following (as per the deadline provided in the email confirmation for selection):
  a) Completed WCMC-Q Health and Immunization Forms.
  b) Completed WCMC-Q Volunteer Request and Release Form
  c) Signed WCMC-Q Elective Reply Form.
  d) Proof of valid health and emergency evacuation insurance coverage. The insurance coverage must include Qatar.

Duration

This a 4 week elective, which is offered during the months of October and November (October 22 – November 16).

Internship Costs

All costs related to travel including visa fee, accommodation, food, transport and general living expenses are the responsibility of the intern or their sponsoring institution. Appropriate guidance and assistance will be provided.

Interns who are not residents of Qatar must procure adequate health and emergency medical, and security evacuation insurance before arrival. All students should submit proof of valid health insurance coverage on being accepted into the program. The insurance coverage must include Qatar.

Contact Information

For additional information or general queries about the program contact:
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