

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. Do I have to be a member of an organization or school to participate in these programs?**

A. No. But there are certain criteria for participation and you must qualify.

**Q. Are these programs approved for CME?**

A. Not as of now. However we are waiting for such approval in the near future.

**Q. Are the costs Tax Deductible?**

A. We believe they are. We are affiliated with The Multicultural Council of America, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, approved by IRS. We will issue Tax Deductible receipt for your volunteer work. Please check with your accountant or tax attorney.

**Q. Are there any sightseeing tours or excursions available?**

A. Yes – there are many opportunities for sightseeing tours, stay at one of our deluxe beach resorts, soft adventure and other cultural activities.

**Q. Is it possible to bring my family with me?**

A. Yes – we can plan a special program for you and your family. Please send us an email or call with details.

**Q. I would like to donate some medical equipment and medicine. How can I do that?**

A. We welcome donations of cash, medical equipment, clinical supplies, medical books or medicine. Please ship them to the college or hospital or bring them with you when you come for volunteer work or training. A receipt for tax purposes will be issued.

**Q. Are you interested in Exchange Programs for students, doctors or Nurses?**

A. Yes – we are very interested in the exchange programs for students, doctors, nurses and other health professionals. Please contact our office.

**Q. I wish to spend three months in D.R. Do I have to pay \$500 per week fee?**

No. Depending upon the program and length of stay, we reduce the fee accordingly.

Following documents are required to participate in our programs

1. Completed Registration Form, providing basic personal & professional information.
2. Curriculum Vitae & Copies of medical credentials, license, etc.
3. Three(3) Passport-size color photographs
4. Proof of payment by Bank Transfer

Please send the documents to



Affiliations

- Dominican Medical College (CMD)
- Multicultural Council of America.
- Fundacion Dominicana Multicultural.
- National Association of International Educators (NAFSA).
- World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA).
- The Partners of America Organization.
- Partners for Prosperity (USAID).
- World Medical Association (WMA)

## INTERNATIONAL PRACTICUM CROSS-CULTURAL TRAINING & VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, (THE CARIBBEAN) For Students of MEDICINE, PUBLIC HEALTH & NURSING



## DOMINICAN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE & DOMINICAN HOSPITALS



**A non-profit organization promoting  
cultures, education & global health**

# BIENVENIDO

*WELCOME to the Dominican Republic*

The Dominican Republic offers great opportunities for the students of Medicine, Nursing, Public Health and other Health care professions to get hands-on experience for international practicum, cross-cultural training, volunteer service or to learn Spanish language and Spanish Medical Terminology as part of our total immersion program.

Only 2 hours by flight from Miami, 3 from NY and 4 hours from Toronto, the island of Hispaniola (Dominican Republic & Haiti) is a microcosm of Latin, African, Caribbean, Asian and European cultures, languages and foods.

The programs are being sponsored by the Dominican International College, affiliated with the Fundacion Dominicana Multicultural and Multicultural Council of America, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The College is also associated with the Dominican Medical Association, Dominican Association of Nurses and a consortium of public & private hospitals.

The Dominican experience has generally enhanced the intellectual horizons and heightened the students knowledge & understanding of international, political, economic, cultural & health issues. Students have generally returned to their homeland with the appreciation and first-hand knowledge of how another culture approaches the tasks and challenges of everyday life, especially in health care. Their volunteer services have indeed made a significant difference in the lives of the indigent Dominican men, women and children.



## Study Abroad

Students can earn credit for the cross-cultural training, volunteer work or practical training in tropical diseases, HIV/AIDS, internal medicine, OB-GYN & other specialties, including surgeries, through our specially designed, hands-on training under the supervision of a preceptor, physician, surgeon or a qualified public health or nursing instructor.

Individualized special programs to meet the needs of foreign institutions or licensing boards are available year-round.

Programs are also available for continuing education and research projects.



## The Program

These special Group or individual programs, are designed for students or volunteers with unique needs, research or special academic requirements. The programs are open-ended and may include a number of opportunities, specialties and experiences at one or more urban or rural communities within the D.R.

**Cost of Program: US\$500.00 per week**

### Includes:

- Analyzing & learning about the unique needs of individual applicant.
- Designing an interesting & exciting special program based on your academic, professional background, experience and interest.
- Finding most suitable & affordable home-stay or other accommodation, rural or urban, within your budget.
- Assigning the best suitable clinic, hospital or facility for training or volunteer work.
- Country Orientation Seminar.
- Basic Spanish Language training.
- Supervised Training at private or public hospital, clinic, Batey or community.
- Evaluation Report of the training.
- Administration / coordination of all services.

### The cost does not include

- i. Accommodation – from US\$15 to US\$150 per night.
- ii. Transportation by public cars & taxis – from US\$0.65 to \$5.00
- iii. Food costs from US\$3.00 each & up
- iv. Health Insurance\* (Optional) US\$60.00 per week (Primary Care only)

*\* Not included in primary care are Ambulance, Diagnostic Tests, Medications, Surgeries & Hospitalization.*