



TITLE OF POLICY

Global Health Electives Policy

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to delineate the School of Medicine sanctioned process for students to travel for global health electives.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND REVIEW CYCLE

The Education Committee will review and approve the policy in odd-numbered years or as needed.

LCME REFERENCE(S)

LCME 11.3: Oversight of Extramural Electives

HISTORY OF APPROVALS AND UPDATES

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DEFINITION(S): N/A

POLICY:

It is the policy of UNC School of Medicine (SOM) that all medical students undertaking global health travel must complete pre-travel requirements and receive Office of Global Health Education (OGHE) approval at least eight weeks prior their departure date from the US. Students who do not complete pre-travel requirements will not be allowed to travel or receive UNC funding or course credit. Global health travel must not conflict with any required curricular elements including courses and orientations.

The pre-travel requirements are:

1. Students must request approval for university related international travel with UNC Global's process.
2. Students must register travel with the OGHE by Completing the Travel Registration, Emergency Contact, and Code of Conduct form.
3. Students must provide proof that they had an appointment at a travel health clinic for appropriate health and safety information, immunizations and medications to help reduce the risk of illness and injury related to international travel. This appointment should be no later than 8 weeks before their departure date.
4. Students must complete the required online predeparture trainings and related health and safety videos and submit to OGHE a copy of their certificate of completion.



5. Students must read, save, and print the UNC SOM Emergency Plan.
6. Students must register their travel location and dates with the U.S. Department of State.
7. Students must submit the evaluation of their global health program to the OGHE, no later than 30 days after the completion of the elective.