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**College of Osteopathic Medicine:
International Activities Report
2022**

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Introduction

The AOA Bureau of International Osteopathic Medicine periodically conducts a survey of all colleges of osteopathic medicine (COM) and their programs and activities in international student clinical electives, medical outreach, and professional interactions with international organizations.

The intent of this report is to raise awareness of the expanse of international educational opportunities for osteopathic medical students. Information contained in this report is provided by the COMs; the year the information was provided is indicated on the page by “[YEAR].”

We hope this report illustrates the degree to which international opportunities have become an important component of osteopathic medical education. As the osteopathic profession continues to expand its international reach, sharing this information among the various osteopathic bodies becomes increasingly important.

For additional question about a COM’s international programs, please contact the respective COM.

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COM	International Activities?
Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine	X
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California Health Sciences University College of Osteopathic Medicine	
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Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	
Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine	X
Lincoln Memorial University DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine	X
Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine	X
Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine	X
Midwestern University Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine	
Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine	X
New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine	X
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William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine	

Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine (ACOM) *2019

Location	Contact
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International travel suspended during the global pandemic.

Global Health and International Involvement

- Rotations – students seek out international preceptors and/or programs with which they want to rotate, which are then approved by ACOM Clerkship Chair. Students can also use VSAS to search for these opportunities.
- Short-term mission trips – ACOM has supported faculty traveling with self-funded students on an annual trip to Ecuador (prior to COVID).
- Relief work – many students have volunteered their own time for relief work (e.g., after hurricane Michael devastated southeast area, earthquake in Ecuador 2016). Students did this on their own time and money. Student organizations also organize local fundraising opportunities and events within the community.
- Semesters/years abroad – n/a
- International research opportunities – n/a
- Student-initiated projects – require approval on case-by-case basis

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- Pre-travel training – Faculty typically hold meetings with students prior to trips. Travel planning guidance is also provided on International Medicine elective syllabus.
- Liability insurance – Not offered/required.
- Evacuation insurance – Required - included with travel insurance.
- Cultural competency training – Recommended.
- Completion of a global health curriculum – Recommended but not required.
- Pre-travel site evaluation/paperwork- Required.
- Post-travel evaluation forms – Offered (strongly encouraged).
- Mentorship support to students – Offered by ACOM Faculty Global Health Subgroup.
- Financial support to students – Potential funds available from Southeast Health Foundation, but none provided by ACOM.

Additional Information

- Approximately 3% of ACOM students complete the elective rotation, and approximately 20% participate in osteopathic medical outreach activities. This is expected to increase once COVID-19 risks decrease and travel restrictions ease.
- Students have traveled to Ecuador, Uganda, Mexico, Romania, Rwanda to complete ACOM clerkship electives; Students have traveled to India, Jamaica, Himalayas, Kenya, Haiti, and Honduras through various student organizations and other outreach activities.
- ACOM has worked with a physician in Ecuador who is a member of the Association of Rural Physicians of Ecuador (ANAMER).
- Faculty have previously been involved in organizing medical missions or short-term global health outreach trips prior to Covid-19.
- Foreign students from other countries are not currently allowed to complete exchanges at ACOM.
- There are several volunteer trips not endorsed by ACOM that students take part in on their own that are not recognized for credit.
- To get course credit students must register and be approved to complete the International Medicine elective rotation.

Impact of COVID-19 on Global Health Opportunities for Students

- There was a drastic decrease in global health opportunities for students due to cessation of travel abroad and State Department Travel Restrictions.
- Development of distance education opportunity has been in place.
- Unlikely that suspended international program activities will resume this academic year due to continued COVID concerns.
- ACOM does not currently collaborate with other COMs on international global health opportunities but is open to the possibility and has historically collaborated with NSU.

Please visit <https://www.acom.edu/> for more information about ACOM.

Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine (ARCOM) *2022

Location	Contact
Fort Smith, AR	Dr. Monica Rojas, Medical Director of International Medicine and Cultural Education monica.rojas@arcomedu.org

Global Health and International Involvement

- Students have been able to complete international rotations in Guinea-Bissau, Costa Rica, Turkey, and Morocco. Plans for Bolivia are in progress.
- ARCOM has 2-week-long short-term mission trips and research opportunities in Costa Rica, Mexico, and Chile.
- 4-week international rotations are available.
- ARCOM plans to offer an international research opportunity to Medipol, Turkey starting July 2022.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- Pre-travel and cultural competency training are provided to students prior to traveling abroad.
- Mentorship support is provided to students.
- Students must purchase evacuation insurance and complete a post-trip evaluation

Additional Information

- Only students who are academically ineligible are barred from travel.
- The percentage of students who participate in international opportunities is expected to increase as location opportunities increase.
- ARCOM has established relationships with Mission Activation in Costa Rica and with the Jaseng Hospital of Korean Medicine in South Korea.

Impact of COVID-19 on Global Health Opportunities for Students

- International travel was suspended during the global pandemic; in 2020 at least five students had to cancel their international travel plans due to the pandemic.

Please visit <http://acheedu.org/arcom/> for more information about ARCOM

A.T. Still University, College of Osteopathic Medicine (ATSU-KCOM) *2019

Location	Contact
Kirksville, MO	Tammy Kriegshauser , MBA, Assistant Dean for Clinical Educational Affairs tkriegshauser@atsu.edu

Global Health and International Involvement

- Students are allowed to complete international rotations for credit upon approval of this office.
- International rotations are not a required component of our clinical education.
- We limit the amount of time a student can participate in international rotations to 4 total weeks.
- Students are approved to complete mission trips internationally. Most mission trips are completed as not-for-credit, however, there is a process in place where credit can be requested and approved on a very limited basis.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- All international rotations must be scheduled through the Institute for International Medicine (INMED).
- INMED has identified organized travel requirements including training, insurance, site evaluations, etc.
- Students are responsible for all associated fees while participating in an international experience - ATSU/KCOM does not provide financial support to students while participating in an international rotation.

Additional Information

- 5-10% of students complete international rotations for credit in the clinical years.
- Students travel to INMED identified sites to complete international rotations for credit (Angola, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Bangladesh, China, India, Thailand, Jordan, The United Arab Emirates, Haiti, Honduras, etc.).
- Students are allowed to participate in mission trips and international rotations not-for-credit provided it does not interfere with their educational requirements and schedule.
- There are no restrictions on travel which does not interfere with their educational requirements or schedule. All travel outside of the United States for credit, requires review of the US travel safety - travel warning.

Please visit <https://www.atsu.edu/kcom/> for more information about ATSU- KCOM.

A.T. Still University, School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (ATSU-SOMA) *2022

Location	Contact
Mesa, Arizona	Dr. Carolina Quezada, Assistant Dean for Clinical Education cquezada@atsu.edu Leonard B. Goldstein, DDS, PhD - Assistant Vice President for Clinical Education Development, ATSU

Global Health and International Involvement

- As of July 1, 2022, International rotations are being permitted by ATSU. A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (ATSU-SOMA) will be permitting students to complete international rotations through [InMed Institute for International Medicine](#). These will be OMS IV Elective rotations where they will receive course credit.
- ATSU-SOMA does not sponsor or organize any short term mission, relief work, or semesters/years abroad.
- Student-initiated global projects (non-clinical) for non-course credit can occur during school breaks.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- A student wishing to participate in an International Rotation, must complete and submit an application packet (pre-travel site evaluation / paperwork).
- Emergency evacuation insurance and internationally effective health insurance will be provided by A.T. Still University.
- Through InMed Institute for International Medicine students complete pre-travel training, cultural competency training, global health curriculum, and receive a Professional Certificate Course in International Medicine and Public Health.
- Mentorship and supervision of clinical activities are coordinated with clinical sites through InMed.
- ATSU-SOMA does not offer direct scholarships or funding for international rotations.

Additional Information

- ATSU-SOMA does not offer foreign students from other countries to complete exchanges at the COM.
- ATSU-SOMA will be participating in international rotations through InMed Institute for International Medicine. Through InMed, students will complete the program's learning objectives through a Professional Certificate Course in International Medicine and Public Health. The student will need to complete this

Professional Certificate Course prior to completing the 4 week International Service Learning Experience. In order to receive course credit and also receive an InMed Professional Diploma in International Medicine and Public Health, the student must complete both education components (Professional Certificate Course and the Service Learning Experience) and all required paperwork, evaluations and coursework for both.

Please visit <https://www.atsu.edu/school-of-osteopathic-medicine-arizona> for more information about ATSU- SOMA.

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) *2019

Location	Contact
Las Cruces, New Mexico	info@bcomnm.org

Global Health and International Involvement

- BCOM has introduced international and global health initiatives beginning August 2017.
- BCOM's bilingual mission is "for the future and for the people".
- BCOM's area of action and impact is in the southern region of the U.S. and northern region of Mexico.
- BCOM wants to increase students travelling to Mexico and eventually become an international college.
- BCOM has been and continues to create memorandum of agreements with other countries to allow future student exchange, faculty exchange, and collaboration with partner organization in research and intervention.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- Since the BCOM program is fairly new, BCOM intends to offer pre-travel/post-travel training, insurance, global health curriculum, mentorship, and cultural competency training to students traveling abroad.
- BCOM does not intend to offer financial support to students.

Additional Information

- Students are still in the planning phase for international clerkships. Interest in the international program is expected to increase.
- Students mainly go to Mexico for international rotations.
- BCOM has partnerships with clinics in Argentina, Colombia, and Dubai.
- General agreements are also available between BCOM and universities in Canada, India, China, El Salvador, and Costa Rica.
- The goal is that most rotations to Mexico will count as course credit.
- Only students with good academic standing with the school can travel abroad. No students are barred from any international and global health programs.

Please visit <https://bcomnm.org/> for more information about BCOM.

California Health Sciences University College of Osteopathic Medicine (CHSU-COM) *2022

Location	Contact
Clovis, CA	Not available

Global Health and International Involvement

- International electives are anticipated to be in a student's 4th year. No opportunities are yet available.

Please visit <https://chsu.edu/> for more information on CHSU-COM.

Campbell University- Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine (CUSOM) *2022

Location	Contact
Lillington, North Carolina	Joseph Cacioppo, D.O., Chair of Community & Global Medicine cacioppo@campbell.edu

Global Health and International Involvement

- CUSOM provides five short-term (10 to 14 days) mission trips to Jamaica, Guatemala, Ecuador, Peru, Dominican Republic, Belize, Kenya, South Africa, Ghana, and Armenia.
- The world comes to us. Three nights weekly, our students provide care to the migrant and seasonal farm workers.
- Established long-term partnerships with various mission organizations has provided our third- and fourth-year students with opportunities to participate in four-to-twelve-week rotations at sites in Angola, Togo, Nigeria, Niger, and Liberia, Ghana, Ecuador, Jamaica, and Canada. Attendance is based on approval of the partnering organization and attending one of our short-term trips.

Additional Information

- These mission trips are not only medical, but in conjunction with our School of Public Health, we are also involved in community development.
- CUSOM provides:
 - a. Pre-travel training
 - b. Liability insurance
 - c. Evacuation insurance
 - d. Cultural competency training
 - e. Post-travel evaluation forms
 - f. Mentorship support to students
 - g. Financial support to students

All sites, both rotation and short-term trip sites, have been vetted for safety, accommodations, and educational quality.

- International travel is restarting October 1, 2022
- We are now in the final stages of development of a dual degree program (DO/MAFLF) designed to enhance training for students interested in full time work in the mission field and in regions of very low resources.
- Approximately 20% of our students participate in the international work.
- Students are required to maintain a GPA 3.0 to qualify
- Our short-term trips are available to all qualified students.
- Rotations are available to third and fourth year students.

Please visit <https://medicine.campbell.edu/> for more information about CUSOM.

Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine (DMU-COM) *2022

Location	Contact
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Global Health and International Involvement

- COM students can participate in short-term spring break or summer trips organized by the Dept. of Global Health.
- Students can complete international rotations during their fourth year between January and May. We currently have 15 sites in 11 countries where COM students can complete an international rotation.
- Virtual global health research rotations are an option for COM students as well. Next year we have 5 international virtual research projects that COM students can participate in for elective research credit.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- Liability and evacuation insurance is required for all overseas rotations.
- Cultural competency and pre-travel training is incorporated into the elective course. For international rotations, students receive this information in written form as a site guide via email.
- Some of DMU-COM's international sites offer cultural information as part of the on-site orientation. Cultural information is also included in the virtual research rotations.
- A site visit must be conducted for every new international site before students may rotate there, and then every three years thereafter.
- Financial support for international travel/rotations is generally not available through Global Health did provide some support for virtual research rotations during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Students are provided with travel and safety documents including global health and travel safety guidelines.
- Student post-travel evaluations are submitted to the global health department.

Additional Information

- Pre-Covid-19, on average approximately 18% of DMU COM students were going abroad. This was increasing each year. We would hope to see it increase even more. In 2022, we were able to resume a very small number of international rotations – in two countries.

- DMU Global Health has built long-term partnerships with several schools, hospitals, or organizations, including in St Lucia, Belize, Peru, Colombia, Rwanda, Ghana, Uganda, Tanzania, Thailand, Vietnam, and China. There are opportunities for students with these partners and they work with local preceptors at the host sites.
- DMU Global Health currently has three exchange programs with Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas in Lima, Peru; Juan N. Corpas University in Bogota, Colombia and Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, and hosts between 8-14 international medical students per year for observerships in Des Moines. The students are in their clinical rotations years (year 6 in Peru; year 4 or 5 in Uganda). We resumed hosting international students in May 2022.
- Pre-pandemic DMU Global Health organized short-term global health service trips over spring break – to the Dominican Republic with Timmy Global Health and to Breathitt County, Kentucky. We also offered a summer trip in partnership with don Quijote to Costa Rica – Spanish for Healthcare Professionals.
- Students are permitted to go on the summer trips – ex. Spanish for Healthcare Professionals in Costa Rica, but do not receive academic credit.
- Students are able to receive credit for international rotations, spring break trips (through a required elective course), and for virtual rotations (elective research credit).
- Students must be in good academic standing with DMU-COM to participate in international rotations and global health programs.

Impact of COVID-19 on Global Health Opportunities for Students

- We were able to resume a small number of international rotations in 2022 – to Colombia and Belize
- We also resumed our Kentucky spring break trip in March 2022
- We are optimistic that we will be able to resume the majority of international travel by 2023.
- Since the pandemic, students are required to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 in order to travel abroad.

Please visit <https://www.dmu.edu/do/> for more information about DMU-COM and <https://www.dmu.edu/globalhealth/> for more information about Global Health at DMU.

Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM-Virginia, VCOM-Auburn, VCOM- Carolinas) *2021

Location	Contact
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All international one-week trips and rotations cancelled during the COVID-19 pandemic. Activities may resume in Fall 2021.

Global Health and International Involvement

- VCOM aim to provide sustainable continuous care clinics year-round in three international sites.
- Each site serves training and resource centers annually for 500+ students participating across all campuses.
- During third and fourth years, 100-150 students go on international rotations.
- Short-term mission trips that are for one-week are attended by 400 students.
- Students completing international rotations are on-site for one month with licensed physicians from the respective countries paid by VCOM to serve as preceptor as part of their responsibility as Director of the respective clinics and or responsible for specific aspects of the clinic within their area of specialization.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- Students are required to attend an orientation with an in-depth training program along with guidelines for international medicine.
- Insurance is required for students. Medical insurance covers health and evacuation insurance.
- Students must attend an orientation that goes over cultural skills. Nightly debriefs are also done while aboard.
- Pre-trip and post-trip surveys must be complete on cultural attitudes.
- A cultural competency training online module is in the process of being developed.
- All abroad student international experiences are completely voluntary. Typically 70% - 80% of students participate in one or more experiences prior to graduation.
- Seven different forms must be completed pre-travel including liability, vaccination, code of conduct agreement, pre-health and dietary restrictions.
- Each student is paired with a doctor who serves as their preceptor. Physicians are authorized and validated by VCOM.

- For four-week rotations, students pay for airfare and meals; but lodging, transportation to and from clinic, internet and other related costs are primarily covered by VCOM.
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Additional Information

- Over 70 percent of students participate in some international experience. The number and percent of students who travel have increased every year for the past twelve years.
- VCOM has governmental and non-governmental agencies agreements that provide legal and logistical arrangement to conduct continuous care medical care in Honduras, El Salvador, and the Dominican Republic.
- Students interested in non-sponsored VCOM international site experiences must apply through VCOM with documentation for legal authority to provide medical care, student safety, liability waivers, quality supervision and a range of other elements that help protect the college and the student where VCOM has no connections.
- VCOM one-week international outreach trips utilize in-country governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations that provide infrastructure, logistical management, financial management, legal authority and a range of other important dimensions.
- International students are accepted to VCOM's short stay rotation but not for extensive long-term training.
- All international work is volunteer work with no school credit received.
- Students must remain in good standing with the school, academically and behaviorally to participate in an international experience; and are not allowed to participate if required remediation overlaps with a pre-approved trip.
- VCOM collaborates with other COMS as opportunities present. This of course has been significantly limited during COVID.

Impact of COVID-19 on Global Health Opportunities for Students

- All international one-week trips and rotations are suspended during COVID.
- Exploring reopening trips and rotations this October pending evaluation of conditions in each country.
- Vaccination will be required of all US participants to international sites.
- Throughout the pandemic VCOM continued funding and support to keep VCOM-affiliated international clinics operating according to guidelines and restrictions in each country. Electronic clinical records provide clinic activity under COVID conditions that provide for epidemiological analysis.
- VCOM provided supplies, equipment and related items as opportunities were available which included a 42 ft container to Baxter Clinic in Honduras.

- Vice provost for international program conducts biweekly zoom meetings with clinic directors to provide updates on COVID and opportunities to share coping strategies among the international clinics.
- VCOM virtual activities including Global Seminar continued. This includes research on medical student response to COVID using weekly Journaling response to guided questions. Research results are being presented at BIOM and other appropriate publications.
- Other VCOM international research was either suspended or proceeded under restricted levels that did not involve travel.
- VCOM collaboration with medical schools in Honduras, El Salvador and the Dominican Republic continued in research and education continued during COVID as conditions allowed. Collaboration with medical schools, governments and hosts continued throughout COVID to provide assistance as much as possible and continue all in-country infrastructure and arrangements.
- All research, education, outreach and service will resume as soon as feasible.

Please visit <https://www.vcom.edu/> for more information about VCOM.

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine (ICOM) *2022

Location	Contact
Meridian, ID	Joshua Lundberg, MD, FAAFP, FAWM Director of Global Health Assistant Professor of Family Medicine jlundberg@idahocom.org

Global Health and International Involvement

- ICOM currently allows student initiated, elective international OMS-4 rotations with administrative approval only at this time.
- Student initiated trips with outside organizations (Global Brigades, non-profit in Haiti, DOCare)
- Students have travelled to Haiti, Guatemala, and Mexico

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- Outside online modules required
- Students are required to have international medical/travel insurance with evacuation coverage
- Evacuation insurance is required
- Cultural competency training is currently incorporated into primary curriculum (didactics, small group discussion, simulation)
- There must be an institutional agreement in place for international elective rotations per organization for short term medical trips with outside organizations
- Students must submit a 2-page case report assignment for international elective rotations

Additional Information

- Financial support is unavailable for international activities
- <5% of students go abroad currently – this is expected this to increase
- ICOM's vision for international participation includes developing a global medicine track that has multiple international partnerships with locations where students and residents could rotate on-site and complete telehealth continuity visits as part of a comprehensive global medicine training program.
- Students on academic probation, or otherwise not in good academic standing are not permitted to travel abroad.
- Course credit is not available for short term medical trips.
- Elective OMS-4 credit for international elective rotations

Please visit <https://www.idahocom.org/> for more information about ICOM.

Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCU-COM) *2022

Location	Contact
Kansas City, MO; Joplin, MO	Dr. Gautam Desai, Professor of Primary Care gdesai@kansascity.edu

Global Health and International Involvement

- KCU-COM offers a competitive Global Health track to prepare medical students for practices on a global scale. This track includes formal didactic sessions, clinical experiences abroad, and a capstone research project. The track begins during the spring semester of students first year and spans through a student's osteopathic medicine education.
- Third- and Fourth-year students must complete a minimum of three months in international rotations.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- Immunizations and legal documents must be completed prior to approval for a clinical rotation.
- Financial is available for select students through the Financial Aid Office.

Additional Information

- Countries in which students can perform clinical rotations is flexible and approved on individual basis, heavily based on desire and safety of the region.
- KCU-COM partners often with organizations, such as DOCARE International, to provide mission trips to remote areas including Guatemala, Kenya, and Dominican Republic.

Please visit <http://www.kcumb.edu/programs/college-of-osteopathic-medicine> for more information about KCU-COM.

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) *2021

Location	Contact
Erie, PA; Greensburg, PA; Joplin, MO; Bradenton, FL	Not available

Global Health and International Involvement

- LECOM does not offer international rotations or LECOM sponsored volunteer travel/missions.

Additional Information

- Students may volunteer through other organizations, such as Drs. Without Borders, but these are not LECOM sponsored or connected experiences.

Please visit <https://lecom.edu/> for more information about LECOM.

Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine (LUCOM)

***2021**

Location	Contact
Lynchburg, Virginia	Dr. Russell Melton Chairman, Medical Outreach and Community Involvement Committee rwmelton@liberty.edu

Global Health and International Involvement

- Students can complete rotations at international sites the school has approved.
- For rotations, student have completed rotations in Kenya and complete their rotation for one month.
- Short-term trips last an average of one week internationally.
- Student-initiated projects at sites chosen independently must receive LUCOM approval.
- Some short -term trips were cancelled due to COVID 19, but will be resumed in 2023.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- LUCOM does not offer cultural information for students.
- Short term trips are planned for the spring of 2023.
- There are six pre-travel requirements which include seeing an international medicine doctor to be up to date on protocols.
- Mentorship and counseling are provided to student upon return.
- Liability and evacuation insurance are purchased through LUCOM's system.
- No formal training for cultural competency is required.
- Short term trips do not receive credit. However, students can receive credit for four-week rotations.
- Clinical requirements and logistics are met at visited student sites.
- Post-travel students must complete a survey and routine checkup.
- Preceptors must be approved and US boarded.

Additional Information

- LUCOM currently has a long-term partnership with the sites in Kenya, but is currently in communication with different sites across the globe to build partnerships.
- LUCOM is open to exchanges of foreign students, although no foreign student has participated.
- No students are barred from any international and global health programs, but those not in good academic standing are highly discouraged to participate.

Please visit <http://www.liberty.edu/lucom/> for more information about LUCOM.

Lincoln Memorial University DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (LMU-DCOM) *2019

Location	Contact
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Global Health and International Involvement

- LMU-DCOM have rotational programs at James Cook University in Australia and a medical school located in Ganzhou, China.
- Short-term medical mission trips are available to Haiti.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- LMU-DCOM requires student to complete pre-travel training.
- A global health curriculum is not needed for students to go abroad; however, LMU-DCOM provides an informal cultural competency training that is highly recommended to students.
- Every site must complete and pass a pre-travel evaluation form.
- They provide mentorship support to students as well as a financial support at LMU-DCOM discretion.

Additional Information

- Currently, five percent of LMU-DCOM student population go abroad.
- LMU-DCOM has an average of ten students each year participate in international rotations. The goal is to double the students that choose to participate in international rotations.
- The main countries students go to are China, Australia, and Malawi.
- LMU-DCOM has an affiliation with Gannon Medical University in China. In 2018, about 20-30 students will be sent to participate in their rotational program. In the fall, about 20 medical students from Gannon will come to LMU-DCOM for 10 weeks.
- LMU-DCOM is limited in the foreign students able to complete exchanges.
- Students have the opportunity to receive course credit from international programs.
- No students are barred from travelling abroad.

Please visit <https://www.lmunet.edu/academics/schools/debusk-college-of-osteopathic-medicine> for more information about LMU-DCOM.

Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM) *2019

Location	Contact
Indianapolis, Indiana	Michael Kuchera, Professor & Chairperson, Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine mkuchera@marian.edu

Global Health and International Involvement

- MU-COM is a fairly new school with its first class graduating.
- Professor Kuchera worked with previous administration to allow non-physician practitioners to complete an international rotation for elective work.
- Rotations are based on physician's availability to take students abroad with the average rotations lasting between two and four weeks.
- MU-COM has a chapter of Timmy Global Health. Timmy Global Health is a student group that does medical mission work abroad each summer.
- Timmy Global Health is a short-term medical mission activity started by two students.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- Since no students have travelled abroad, the programs are still being developed.
- Elective and rotation elements of the program were recently approved.
- Timmy Global Health students participated along with doing their own pre-travel orientation.
- Insurance, training, curriculum, evaluations, and mentorship are still in the works, as the program remains in its infancy stages.

Additional Information

- Marian mission embraces international outreach with excitement in progressing the abroad programs forward.
- Students tend to visit each Guatemala or Ecuador.
- Timmy Global Health has more specified partnerships than MU-COM currently.
- No allowance is given to foreign students, but visitors can observe.
- Timmy Global Health group has faculty involvement and student ambassadors that attend medical missions.
- Students may receive elective credit during rotations.
- Student must be in good academic standing with variation between rotation options.

Please visit <https://www.marian.edu/osteopathic-medical-school> for more information about MU-COM.

Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSUCOM) *2022

Location	Contact
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Global Health and International Involvement

- MSUCOM is involved in international health programs around the globe. Every year, students travel to Mexico, Peru, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, S. Korea, and Cuba to provide medical outreach to individuals in these countries.
- All programs can be for credit. Medical students receive a pass/fail grade after completion. Rotations and clerkships evaluation system is completed by the faculty leader.
- Research and clinical care are done in countries such as Malawi, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Uganda and soon in Peru and Costa Rica. A six-week rotation is available for fourth year medical students to perform research in pediatric cerebral malaria in Malawi.
- MSUCOM also offers a Peru Global Outreach program for second- and fourth-year students to perform research under the guidance of Dr. Gary Willyerd, DO.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- Pre-departure orientation is mandatory to every student for an introduction to the country and rotation experience. A cultural competency and diversity, equity and inclusion course will be required for students travelling abroad and expected to be presented for the 2023 programs.
- An online presentation is required for students traveling abroad followed by a quiz that students must score at least an 80% or above.
- Every trip includes an evacuation insurance through International SOS included in program fees.
- Faculty leaders are required to present one lecture in regard to Global Health and the One Health model.

- Faculty perform an evaluation at each hospital where programs are established to continually assess the program site.
- Students complete pre departure and post arrival surveys to measure impact of the study abroad program on cultural competencies and knowledge of the visiting country healthcare system.
- International rotations are built into block tuition following as an elective course, and student at MSUCOM are exempt from application fees.
- Preceptorship international courses will be available for second year medical students starting August 2022. Students can decide if they would like to take the course internationally or locally in Michigan. They will receive 4 credits, 1 for the preceptorship course and 3 for the study abroad program.
- MSUCOM provides several scholarships through the Institute for Global Health and Office of Education Abroad.
- Two main scholarships include the Whittier International Health Student Fund (up to \$500) and Gliozzo Scholarship Endowment in Global Health

Additional Information

- MSUCOM hopes to increase student participation to travel internationally in the future, especially with recent introduction of international preceptorship courses for second year medical students, new programs of healthcare delivery approaches in Dominican Republic and the lifting of travel restrictions worldwide due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, a total of 170 students have studied abroad to various countries. For the year 2020-2021 during the pandemic 69 students were able to study abroad and deliver medical care in two countries, Dominican Republic and Mexico.
- Medical students are able to travel to Iquitos, Peru; La Havana, Cuba; Merida, Mexico; Guatemala; San Pedro de Macoris and Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Malawi; Canada; Cap-Haïtien, Haiti; and Seoul, South Korea. South Korea is restricted to second year COM students, and Cuba is restricted to fourth year students. Haiti is currently on hold due to uncivil arrest after the homicide of Haiti president in 2021.
- MSUCOM has many partnerships with universities and hospitals, such as Agustin O’Horan hospital and Hospital Regional de Alta Especialidad in Mexico, Secretaria de Salud Region Este in Dominican Republic, Universidad Cesar Vallejo in Peru, Seoul National University College of Medicine & Jaseng Joint & Spine Hospital in South Korea, and other partnerships between IGH and universities in Latin America, Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.
- Our student and faculty exchange programs before COVID-19 pandemic include students from South Korea, Egypt, China and Mexico. The students were in undergraduate studies, as well as nursery and medical students. Pre-COVID-19 numbers were approximately 80 per year.
- The programs in Peru, Guatemala, and Dominican Republic are best classified as medical mission trips/ or short-term global health outreach.

- Students must be in good academic standing with the college and have the proper travel documents to study abroad.

Please visit <http://com.msu.edu/> for more information about MSUCOM and <http://ighealth.msu.edu> for more details on international programs.

Midwestern University/Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (AZCOM) *2022

Location	Contact
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Please visit <https://www.midwestern.edu/academics/degrees-and-programs/doctor-of-osteopathic-medicine-az> more information on AZCOM.

Midwestern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MWU-CCOM) *2022

Locations	Contact
Downers Grove, Illinois	William Moran, DO - Associate Dean of Clinical Education wmoran2@midwestern.edu

*****International travel has been suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.*****

Global Health and International Involvement

- MWU/CCOM students who are interested in participating in an international rotation must research and arrange the abroad experience on their own. Permission is granted on an individual basis as assessed by the academic standing of the student and safety in the region selected.
- MWU/CCOM does not offer its own programs but has affiliation with outside institutions and organizations.
- Only one international rotation per year is allowed.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- Liability and evacuation insurance is required for students who chose to go abroad.
- MWU/CCOM offers the Burdick scholarship for students interested in international programs. The Burdick scholarship offers \$500 to no more than 10 students per year.

Additional Information

- Less than one percent of students go abroad at MWU/CCOM, and this is expected to remain steady.
- Students travel to Guatemala through DOCARE International, Rwanda through ASCOVIME, and various other independent rotations in different European, South American, and African countries.
- International traveling performed during scheduled off-time cannot be used to receive academic credit.
- Students who complete formal international rotations during OMS 3 and 4 are granted academic credit.
- Individuals must be in good academic standing to be permitted to travel abroad.

Please visit <https://www.midwestern.edu/> for more information about MWU/CCOM.

New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYITCOM) *2019

Location	Contact
Old Westbury, New York and Jonesboro, Arkansas	Lillian Niwagaba, Director of Center for Global Health lniwagab@nyit.edu

Global Health and International Involvement

- Students can complete rotations abroad for two-three weeks in the summer between their first and second year and can receive their Certificate for Global Health in the fall after completing an Independent Research class.
- First year students can only go abroad in the summer. Research is mainly done alongside faculty mentors who work with students to design research projects.
- Fourth year students can go abroad whenever they have elective time for rotations (usually after their interviews).
- International initiatives are mostly faculty lead.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- Liability and evacuation insurance are required for all students.
- Students take a three-credit hour class in the spring (Critical Issues in Global Health) that covers the key competencies in global health before traveling abroad. A pre-trip orientation that includes ethics training must be attended by all students.
- In the curriculum, students can take five/six global health electives, they can use one slot for a rotation abroad. In order to receive their certificate in Global Health, students must complete nine credit hours offered during 1st and 2nd year.
- NYITCOM performs site assessments before students travel abroad.
- Students are preceptored by a mentor on site along our own faculty who travel with the students.
- Financial support is not available to students for international trips.

Additional Information

- Of first year students, about 10 percent of students travelled abroad. The percentage for third- and fourth-year students is at 10-15 percent.
- This school has a vision for globalization and global engagement, preparing the next generation of physicians.
- NYITCOM had several sites including Ghana, Haiti, and Costa Rica.
- Students can go to any country of their choice, but it must be a teaching institution, safe, of education value, and have to have cultural competency to function in that community.
- The school is looking to expand and potentially go to Ethiopia and Uganda.

- NYITCOM has long-term partnerships with Ghana, Haiti, and Costa Rica sites (over 8 years in each).
- Allowance of foreign students is not allowed since NYITCOM is not affiliated with the hospital although we have are affiliated with an educational consortium comprised of hospitals and ambulatory care centers.
- NYITCOM does alternative spring break trips, (Nicaragua last year and Puerto Rico this year) and is in the process of organizing mission trips in collaboration with partner hospitals.
- Students do not receive credit for local health projects since they are mostly volunteer opportunities.
- Students on remediation cannot participate in any abroad programs.

Please visit <https://www.nyit.edu/medicine> for more information about NYITCOM.

Noorda College of Osteopathic Medicine (NoordaCOM) *2022

Location	Contact
Provo, UT	Not available

Please visit <https://www.noordacom.org/> for more information about NoordaCOM.

Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-KPCOM) *2019

Location	Contact
Fort Lauderdale, Florida	Dr. R. Jackeline Moljo, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, International Medicine rm184@nova.edu

Global Health and International Involvement

- NSU-KPCOM has affiliate sites in Slovakia with Comenius University, Austria with Medical University of Graz, Portugal with University Fernando Pessoa Porto, Argentina with University of Health Sciences.
- Short-term medical mission trips have been done in Puerto Rico and Jamaica.

Please visit <https://osteopathic.nova.edu/index.html> for more information about NSU-KPCOM.

Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-HCOM) *2022

Location	Contact
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***As of June 2022, all travel requires approval through a pre-travel risk assessment. ***

Global Health and International Involvement

- OU-HCOM's Global Health Initiative offers multiple interdisciplinary faculty-led programs and research opportunities for medical and other health sciences student. These programs include Cuba Comparative Health Systems. Botswana Healthcare, Ecuador Community and Public Health, Ecuador Tropical Disease Research and Intercultural Communication Program, Peru Clinics, and South Africa Medicine
- Students in their third and fourth year can get credit for a two-to-twelve-week Global Health Elective Rotation. This can be a clinical or research experience.
- Students can develop their own site or select from a limited number of vetted sites, including all Child Family Health International sites.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- For pre-travel training, general risk/safety orientation and ethics/medical issues orientation is required for rotations and faculty led programs. First and second year medical students are additionally asked to register any medical related travel.
- Students enrolled in OU-HCOM are covered by the university's liability insurance except medical related travel of first- and second-years during vacation periods.
- Students are provided with international health and evacuation insurance through the school.
- Cultural competency training is included in pre-travel training workshops.
- A graduate Global Health Certificate and a dual-degree Master of Global Health are available to medical students, it is also a track in the curriculum.
- Students not travelling with a faculty program are asked to complete a supplemental application evaluating the risk and possible issues that could be encountered at the site. ***As of June 2022, during the continuing Covid pandemic pre-approval is required through a pre-travel risk assessment*

- Post-travel evaluation forms are collected for programs and independent rotations assessing both the site and learning outcomes.
- Medical students are eligible to apply for the Global Health Initiative travel scholarship and scholarships through the university study away office.

Additional Information

- About 5-7 percent of students participate in at least one international experience which has remained consistent until the travel shut down in 2020. Expectation is the percentage will remain the same or increase slightly when travel resumes.
- Among the locations students travel to are Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Botswana, Ecuador, Ghana, Greece, Ireland, Peru, South Africa, Uganda.
- The main programs include Ohio University faculty led programs, Child Family Health International, CerviCusco, the University of Crete and International Service Learning.
- OU-HCOM's long-term partnerships are with Ecuador: Infectious & Tropical Disease Institute, Center for Research in Latin America, Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Ecuador; Botswana: University of Botswana, Institute of Development Management, Ministry of Health; and Peru: CEDEINFA. We are currently working on partnerships in Ghana.
- In the past, foreign students from AMSA/IFMSA completed exchanges until they went on hiatus.
- OU-HCOM prefers to do service with organizations that provide sustained services, which is why short-term medical missions aren't provided through the school.
- First and second year students can go on programs but do not have the option to receive credit. Third- and fourth-year students can participate in almost any program for credit with the completion of an application process to participate. Credit is supplied through OCOM 8911 Global Health Elective Rotation and the syllabus is updated annually.
- The Global Health Initiative vets all programs. The Heritage College requires an affiliation/education agreement must be in place with the site and the preceptor complete faculty documentation.
- Students under academic or judicial probation are not allowed to travel.

Impact of COVID-19 on Global Health Opportunities for Students

- Travel, whether with programs or independently, was halted completely from March 2020 until summer 2021. Rotations resumed in the spring of 2022 and faculty led programming resumes on a limited basis Summer 2022.
- Students must go through an additional risk assessment process to receive permission to travel internationally. The COM hopes to lift this requirement in fall of 2022.

Please visit <https://www.ohio.edu/global-health/programs/> for more information about OU-HCOM global programming.

Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (OSU-COM) *2019

Location	Contact
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Global Health and International Involvement

- OSUCOM is looking to further develop its global health involvement.
- Currently, students are going to Uganda twice a year.
- A fall elective rotation is primarily taken by students in their third year.
- First year students who travel to Uganda are on site for ten days. Third year students completing rotations are on site for two weeks and required to keep a journal to log all their patients.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- Pre-travel training is not offered, but a faculty member is required to travel ahead with security to prepare for students' arrivals and evaluate the site.
- Insurance is not offered or required. The school does have its own security and private jet to have students evacuated in less than twelve hours for emergencies.
- For cultural competency training, students meet several times for two- three hours to talk about general cultural practices.
- OSUCOM is working on a curriculum through the global health track.
- Two physicians serve as mentors to the student group travelling abroad.
- Students can receive financial aid through OSUCOM.

Additional Information

- The percentage of students going abroad is low, with as little as 30/230 students traveling.
- Uganda draws the attention of a lot of students.
- OSUCOM has an international education partnership with Sister Rosemary's Compound.
- There have been no foreign students who have completed exchanges at OSUCOM yet. Admission of foreign students would depend on if the applicant were an osteopathic student or not.
- OSUCOM is developing their medical mission to Cambodia since there is an establish clinic present.
- Students who travel on missions with churches or organizations cannot receive course credit.

- Only students with good academic standing with the school can travel abroad. No students are barred from any international and global health programs.

Please visit <https://health.okstate.edu/com/index.html> for more information about OSUCOM.

**Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of
Osteopathic Medicine (PNW-COM) *2022**

Location	Contact
Yakima, WA	Not available

Please visit <https://www.pnwu.edu/> for more information about PNW-COM.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) *2021

Location	Contact
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Emma Long, Global Health Initiative Co-President el88122@pcom.edu

Global Health and International Involvement

- Students created a global health initiative organization to assist in sending students abroad to complete elective rotations. This club is working with the PCOM Office of Clinical Education to create a more formalized and established process.
- All rotations require students to submit materials to the office of clinical education for approval.
- Clinical rotations last around four weeks. Students are allowed to travel to various countries as long as the country is at or below a level three travel advisory warning determined by the U.S. state department.

Practices along with Going Abroad

- PCOM is working to create a pre-travel training curriculum. The aim is to offer students basic training modules to satisfy pre-departure learning outcomes.
- Liability and evacuation insurance are required for the program and offered by the school.
- Students abroad for one month receive elective credit equivalent to seventeen credits.
- Cultural competency training, post-travel evaluation, mentorship and financial support are currently in the works to be more established.
- A reflective essay component will be a new requirement for all students returning from these experiences beginning in 2019.

Additional Information

- The volume of students who go abroad is low due to the program being in its infancy. The interest in abroad travelling is expected to increase when a formal program is established.
- Students who volunteer cannot receive course credit. The schedule for student rotations include a free month to do what they would like to do.
- Students must be in good academic standing to go abroad.
- A new medical Spanish course is offered by the school, and they are expecting an increase interest in rotations abroad.

Impact of COVID-19 on Global Health Opportunities for Students

- Students participated in a virtual medical brigades in Feb/March of 2021 as the planned in-person brigade was cancelled during Summer of 2020.

PCOM has also adjusted the timeline as to when students will be participating in brigades for the graduating class of 2024.

- Students hope to participate in either virtual or in person brigades as soon as possible.

PCOM campuses collaborate (Philadelphia, Georgia, and South Georgia) collaborate for different programing and presentations related to diversity and inclusion and Global/public health topics.

Please visit <https://www.pcom.edu/> for more information about PCOM and <https://pcomghi.weebly.com/> for more information about the PCOM Global Health Initiative.

Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM) *2021

Location	Contact
Parker, Colorado and Ivins, Utah	Dr. Camille Bentley, Director of Global Medicine cbentley@rvu.edu

All COM-related international travel was suspended for RVU students in March 2020 through December 2021 due to the global pandemic.

Global Health and International Involvement

- RVUCOM sends students to 14 countries around the globe.
- Around 50 students from each graduating class complete at least one international rotation.
- Student completing rotations are on-site for a month. Students traveling with medical outreach programs go for two-four weeks, typically in the spring semester.
- RVUCOM does not have their own research sites, but it has partner organizations for students interested in research opportunities.
- Most projects are faculty initiated and lead.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- RVUCOM offers one pre-training session with medical outreach and the Global Health Track has one pre-travel training program.
- Liability and evacuation insurance are both required.
- Cultural competency training is offered for students.
- RVUCOM led trips are either electives or international rotations where students can receive credit.
- Pre-travel site evaluation is not required, but it depends on the site. Student planned trip must receive RVUCOM site approval.
- Students must complete a written evaluation of the site and their experience. There is also a debriefing session for students that cover topics including reverse culture shock.
- All students completing international rotations must be supervised by a preceptor.
- RVUCOM offers financial aid to students wishing to complete international rotations.

Additional Information

- About 40 percent of students go abroad, and the projected number is expected to plateau.

- Students travel to over 14 countries around the globe.
- RVUCOM collaborates with a few organizations ranging from nonprofit to government bearing on a regular basis.
- RVUCOM has not received a request for international students to complete exchanges.
- There are three-four medical missions that run one-four weeks throughout the year.
- Students must receive academic approval if they wish to participate in international programs.

Impact of COVID-19 on Global Health Opportunities for Students

- No COM-related international travel from March 17, 2020 to December 2021 allowed for students.
- Currently planning to go back to Kenya in January for a clinical externship.

Please visit <http://www.rvu.edu/> for more information about RVUCOM.

Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine (RowanSOM) *2022

Location	Contact
Stratford, New Jersey	Regina Wilmes, M.Ed., <i>SOM Registrar</i> wilmesrr@rowan.edu

****All international activities were suspended for RowanSOM students in March 2020. International activities will resume in academic year 2022-2023.****

Global Health and International Involvement

- Students are permitted to complete clinical rotations abroad for credit, but only in countries with a U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory of Level 1 or 2.
- Students are permitted to complete short-term clinical experiences, but not for credit.
- Students are permitted to complete a research year abroad for credit.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- No pre travel or cultural competency training is provided
- Liability and Evacuation insurance are required and offered if travel is approved in advance.
- The Registrar reviews and advises students about the process and the necessary documentation prior to approval.

Additional Information

- In the past decade ROWANSOM has averaged 5.5% of the student population going abroad for a credit or non-credit experience.
- Students are only permitted to travel to countries with a U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory of Level 1 or 2
- Spring semester elective for credit to Jamaica is organized by one of the Rowan SOM faculty through the Missionaries of the Poor organization
- Students under academic probation are not allowed to travel.

Please visit <https://som.rowan.edu/> for more information about RowanSOM.

Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (SHSUCOM) *2022

Location	Contact
Huntsville, TX	Not available

Please visit <https://www.shsu.edu/academics/osteopathic-medicine/> for more information on SHSUCOM.

Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine- California and Nevada (TUCOM and TUNCOM) *2019

Location	Contact
Vallejo, California and Henderson, Nevada	Eiman Mahmoud, DO, MPH, Director of Global Health Program eiman.mahmoud@tu.edu

Global Health and International Involvement

- Students are provided opportunities to complete clinical rotations, international research and student-initiated projects abroad.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- Students are provided with Pre-travel and Cultural competency training.
- Mentorship and financial support are provided to students for travel abroad.
- Pre and Post travel evaluation forms are required.

Additional Information

- About 30-35 of 135 students go abroad each academic year.
- Students have international clinical rotations in Ethiopia, Israel, Mexico, Taiwan, and Tanzania.
- Long term partnerships exist with the University of Gondar, University of Jimma, Debra Markos hospital, Shiratti district hospital, INSP, Taiwan International Healthcare Training Center (TIHTC), and Laniado Hospital Netanya.
- Students will not be able to receive credit for rotations that occur in other locations than the five sites available through TouroCOM.
- Students with professionalism issues are barred from travelling abroad.

Please visit <http://com.tu.edu/> for more information about TUCOM and TUNCOM.

University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine (UIWSOM) *2021

Location	Contact
Biddeford, Maine	Not available

The COVID-19 pandemic halted all plans for international rotations and short-term outreach trips. This will be reassessed after Fall semester 2021.

Global Health and International Involvement

- The UIW has a campus in Heidelberg, Germany, and there are plans to take students there to learn about osteopathy in Europe, and to study aspects of health policy in Europe as well.
- The founding congregation of the UIW, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, work in locations in Peru, Colombia, Mexico and locations in Africa. Once the pandemic situation abates, we plan to develop opportunities where the Sisters have already been working.
- UIW hopes to develop exchange programs with schools in Mexico, Guatemala and Chile.
- UIW has an interprofessional team (pharmacy, optometry, nursing and PT, with plans to add DO students prior to the pandemic) which has traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico for 30+ years.
- Students are aware of DOCARE International. UIW has also done some preliminary networking with other schools which may have openings on their international teams.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- The university has a robust international office which provides pre-travel training liability & evacuation insurance, cultural competency training, and mentorship support to students. While there is some fundraising support for international trips, students are expected to fundraise and/or provide their own funds for trips. Participating students must complete both pre-and-post travel evaluations.
- Credit for IUW-planned international clinical rotations would have credit offered. Other trips would be extra-curricular.
- Students with health conditions (including mental health related conditions) which would be stressed by international travel, may not be permitted to travel abroad.

Please visit <https://osteopathic-medicine.uiw.edu/> for more information about UIWSOM.

University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNECOM) *2019

Location	Contact
Biddeford, Maine	Emily Dragon, Director of Global Education Program edragon@une.edu

Global Health and International Involvement

- Students are provided opportunities to complete international rotations with some students going abroad as part of their service learning. Rotations based approaches are done by students with summer travel to work with local organizations.
- Ventures abroad are more patient work than research.
- International rotations can be completed by students in their fourth year.
- Student groups have travelled to Nicaragua to work directly with clinics and local organizations.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- UNECOM has a student-led pre-travel training.
- Evacuation insurance is included in the university policy and sent with a faculty member. There is insurance for each rotation with the inclusion of a comprehensive travel insurance.
- UNECOM has longer training programs with resources used in a self-directed way.
- Pre-departure and arrival orientations are required by UNECOM along with on-site workshops for culture shock and re-entry.
- Curriculums offered depend on the program.
- Pre-travel evaluations include waivers and peer vetting from similar organizations.
- Credit-based programs have the same post-travel evaluation systems as courses. Programs that are not credit-based do not have this process but may offer surveys.
- Faculty offer mentorships to students before they depart even if they are not going on the specific rotation. Semester programs have contacts on-site.
- UNECOM offers a Global Education scholarship for credit-bearing programs. This scholarship is offered twice a year and requires an essay and unofficial transcript. The funding for this scholarship ranges from \$250-\$750.

Additional Information

- Not a large amount of UNECOM students go abroad, but the interest in international program is looking to increase.
- The Moroccan campus is looking to set up international rotations.

- Twenty-eight students travelled with the group this year, and individual rotations average ten students a year.
- The strategic initiatives for the past six years have built a campus and developed international partnerships.
- Students traveling in the group trips have visited Nicaragua, India, South Korea, Nepal, and the Dominican Republic.
- UNECOM has individual contacts with sites and are looking to have a partnership with the Moroccan campus.
- Students going to Nicaragua for medical missions are working with the Just Hope organization.
- Student must be in a good academic standing and have a GPA of 2.5 or above.

Please visit <http://www.une.edu/com> for more information about UNECOM.

University of North Texas Health Science Center Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNTHSC/TCOM) *2022

Location	Contact
Fort Worth, Texas	Katy Kemp, Executive Director of Clinical Education katy.kemp@unthsc.edu

Global Health and International Involvement

- Students are allowed to complete an international elective in their fourth year.
- GHI and CMA are student groups that do one trip per year to Guatemala and Honduras respectively. Each trip accommodates 35 to 45 students and has 5 to 8 faculty preceptors.
- Students are allowed to complete a research elective in their third or fourth year. as long as they are IRB approved.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- All UNTHSC students selecting a clinical clerkship outside of the United States are required to obtain liability and evacuation insurance.
- Pre and Post-travel forms are provided and completion is required

Additional Information

- Each year around 13-20 students complete rotations internationally. Many more students participate in spring break trips.
- Students travel to Canada, Tanzania, Ecuador, Thailand, Malawi, Peru, Taiwan, Argentina, Guatemala, India, Honduras, Costa Rica, Vietnam
- ANTHSC has long term partnerships with Mae Fah Luang University, Mahasarakham University and Suranaree University in Thailand and at Daeyung Luke Hospital in Malawi.

Please visit <https://www.unthsc.edu/texas-college-of-osteopathic-medicine/> for more information about UNTHSC/TCOM.

University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM) *2022

Location	Contact
Pikeville, KY	Not available

Please visit <https://www.upike.edu/osteopathic-medicine/> for more information about KYCOM.

Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (WesternU/COMP) *2019

Location	Contact
Pomona, California	Dr. Katherine Fisher, Director of Clinical Education kfisher@westernu.edu

Global Health and International Involvement

- Students in their 4th year are able to perform international rotations for credit.
- Students in their 3rd year may if they are on the global health track.
- International research opportunities and student-initiated projects are available at the discretion of WesternU/COMP.
- Students who volunteer between their first and second year do not receive credit from their international work.

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- Pre-travel training is required for students who go abroad. This training is one on one, and part of the Global Health Track
- International Medical and Evacuation insurance is required for students to be able to travel abroad.
- A global health curriculum is done by students with a follow-up paper along with a presentation.
- Pre-travel site approval and post-rotation form are required for any location students desire to travel to.
- Mentorship to students is provided to students.
- Western U/COMP provides students a list of grants that they can apply for to assist with financial support.

Additional Information

- Currently, 10-12% of medical students participate in international programs.
- Some students partner with Child Family Health International (CFHI), a non-profit organization based in San Francisco. CFHI sponsor trips to India, Ecuador, and many other locations
- Other students travel abroad to include Peru, Tanzania, Malawi, and Dominican Republic with clinical faculty credentialed by Western U/COMP
- Western U/COMP does not currently have a program to allow foreign students from other countries to complete exchanges,

- Students in all four years have organized groups with faculty mentors to perform short-term global outreach or medical mission trips.

Please visit <https://www.westernu.edu/osteopathic/> for more information about WesternU/COMP.

West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) *2019

Location	Contact
Lewisburg, West Virginia	Director of Center for International Medicine and Cultural Concerns (CIMCC) cimcc@osteo.wvsom.edu

Global Health and International Involvement

- WVSOM students have the opportunity to expand their medical knowledge through medical training provided by Center for International Medicine and Cultural Concerns (CIMCC).
- CIMCC seeks to expand the global medical education initiative with students participating in rotations in more than 30 countries among underserved, mostly rural communities.
- First and second year students who are members of CDMA or PAX/DOCARE clubs have the opportunity to travel on medical service trips. Students can receive TOUCH hours.
- The summer between the first and second students have an opportunity to travel to South Africa to take an epidemiology course with clinical experience, along with any approved third-party organization.
- Third year students may complete four-week international rotations in any country of their choice (though with a stringent, case-by-case application process).
- Fourth year rotations can schedule a two-to-eight-week international rotation experience (two week for mission/service trips and four/six/eight weeks for rotations).

Practices Along With Going Abroad

- The CIMCC aims to ensure students' safety and provide a quality educational experience abroad.
- Students must complete the international rotations procedure, which includes required immunizations, travel insurance, passport/visa, and cultural awareness education course prior to trip.
- Students must maintain a weekly journal outlining and overview of the rotation experience to receive academic credit. They also must complete an exit interview with a CIMCC representative or Associate Dean for Pre-doctoral Clinical Education.
- Students are responsible for getting their grades to IR preceptor or on-site director in a timely fashion to upload on the individual's records.

Additional Information

- The number of students who participate in abroad rotation varies at WVSOM, typically about 10 to 20 students for both third and fourth years.

- WVSOM is dedicated to educating students from diverse backgrounds as lifelong learners in osteopathic medicine. CIMCC strives to produce osteopathic physicians and medical researchers with informed global health perspective.
- WVSOM-CIMCC have established rotations in Dominican Republic, Caribbean, Sierra Leone, South Africa, and Swaziland that count as an elective rotation. Students have travelled to other countries, including Bangladesh, Bolivia, Cambodia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, England, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Himalayas, India, Italy, Jamaica, Malawi, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Republic of Georgia, South Korea, Tanzania, Vietnam, and Zambia.
- Approved partnerships include Child Family Health International, DOCARE, Floating Doctors, Himalayan Health Exchange, Projects Abroad, Volunteer Abroad, and AmizadeGSL.
- All students can join WVSOM clubs to participate in medical service or mission trips.
- Students are not permitted to travel abroad if they have professional issues, need to remediate courses in Year 1 and 2, or have failed COMPLEX Level 1, COMPLEX Level 2-CE, and COMPLEX 2-PE.

Please visit <https://www.wvsom.edu/academics/cimcc> for more information about WVSOM.

William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCUCOM) *2022

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Hattiesburg, MS	Not available

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