

FORM 3: International Site Assessment--REQUIREMENTS

After you receive approval from the Special Electives Committee, pre-departure, we ask that you fulfill these requirements, which we have created to promote your health and safety and maximize your learning. Please investigate, complete, and provide a signed copy of the answered items on this form for final approval.

In choosing to participate in an international experience abroad, as DUCOM students you must be mindful of your legal and ethical responsibility to only engage in activities for which you have the appropriate training and supervision. Drexel University medical students are covered under the University's professional Liability policy as long as they are on an approved rotation and their clinical activities fall within their scope of duties for educational purposes within the college of medicine and they have appropriate supervision. Students are **not** covered under the University's liability policy during a vacation term.

Health (Personal and Occupational)

- We require that you visit Drexel Travel Health 219 N. Broad St, 5th floor, PH: 215-762-3489 www.drexel.edu/med/travelhealth (first consult costs \$40 and follow-up exam is \$15)
- **AND** follow their directions for:
 - Travel vaccinations
 - Management of general health issues
 - Post-exposure prophylaxis
 - We require that you carry a month supply of prophylaxis medications with you.
 - Post-return follow-up

☐ I have visited travel health and followed their directions.

- Are there health safety risks associated with the elective (infectious disease exposure, violence, etc.)

○ If yes, learn how you will minimize or avoid them _____

- Inquire and tell us what would happen if there is a "on the site" health emergency. What are post-exposure prophylaxis guidelines available at your elective? _____

○ In case of an emergency:

- Identify providers you would access: _____
- Contact Student Affairs Hotline at +1-215-991-8184 (know how to dial the US from outside of the country) in the event of any emergency.
- Identify how you will leave emergently if you need to: _____

○ We require that you carry a month supply of prophylaxis medications with you.

- Are there guidelines/risks about carrying medications with you (pills or others such as insulin syringes) _____

- Personal Protective Equipment (as appropriate, i.e. eye protection, gloves, mask, ...)

- We require that you use OSHA precautions and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as appropriate
- For low resource areas, bring your own supply

- You will not engage in any clinical procedures for which you have not had training nor on-site supervision

- Medical Insurance

○ Learn what kind/if any insurance coverage does your program have for participants? Does this include medical, natural disasters, and political evacuation and repatriation? _____

○ You are required to have health insurance that provides international coverage.

- Please check with your own health insurance and learn what is covered once you leave the US: _____

○ Find out if the country you will be traveling in will expect you to pay any medical bills in cash (and then may you be reimbursed by your own insurance): _____

- Drexel University has blanket On Call Coverage, which is a supplemental insurance, not meant to replace your own health insurance. This means that all Drexel University faculty, students, and staff who travel internationally for Drexel purposes (not-personal) are automatically covered by On Call Emergency, Evacuation, and Repatriation coverage. This is set up once you register with Drexel Office of Study Abroad.

US Department of State Travel Warnings/Alerts

Department of State Travel Warning and Alert information may be found on U.S. Department of State:

<http://www.state.gov/travel/>)

If the country is on the trade embargo list, has a Travel Warning, OR Travel Alert, students' application will be rigorously reviewed individually and may not be approved

- Review US Department of State travel warnings, alerts or messages
- Review recent news or events. Is there any political instability or ongoing unrest? _____
- Are there any safety considerations or notes for travelers in regards to gender, sexual orientation, religion, race or ethnicity? _____

If you are considering travel to a site with a Warning, Embargo, or Alert, the Travel Warning Committee requires further information:

- Provide a written justification for the important/value of this particular location to your learning objections
- Provide an evacuation emergency safety plan
- Sign the addendum to the Terms and Conditions of Participation
- You will need to provide all of this information to the Drexel Study Abroad Office who will then send to Travel Warning Committee for consideration of approval.

Your answers:

Photography

If taking photographs, respect others' privacy and avoid posting others' information. If you are obtaining patients' pictures—for presentations or anything else, you will need patients' written permission.

Pre-departure didactic coursework

We want your global experience to be safe, culturally, and ethically appropriate. Thus, upon approval but pre-departure, students are required to complete **didactic coursework on cultural and ethical competency and prepare a plan of study**. This is detailed in the section on Didactic Coursework.

☐ I have completed this.

I have learned and followed all points in this section _____

Upon completion of all requirements, please turn in this form to Dr. Varjavand. Then, contact the Drexel Office of Study Abroad for your registration & final step in the approval process.