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Specialty: Family Medicine

Country: Peru

Location: Lima

Rural/Urban: Urban

Hospital or non-hospital placement: Non-hospital

Type of placement: Pre-clerkship

Date: July 28 – August 24, 2011

Project title: SEA Health Trip

Organization: Solidarity Experiences Abroad

Website: <http://www.brocku.ca/campus-ministries/solidarity>

Main language spoken: Spanish

Other language(s): English

Project description: Public health clinic in the shanty towns of Peru for lice, dental health, height and weight (obesity in adults, normal growth for children), Hemoglobin testing, health screening for referral to specialists

Student experience description: Not very medical in nature, simple measurement taking, checking for lice and cavities and taking a pinprick of blood. Spent some time working to screen patients complaining of cold symptoms for cases of strep throat.

Placement safety: Absolutely safe at all times, well supported and guided by the organization at all times.

Educational experience (out of 10): 2

Social/cultural experience (out of 10): 9

Does the organization have any religious affiliations? Yes

At any point did you feel expected to participate in religious activity? Yes

Program fee: \$4000-5000 (includes airfare, accommodation, and most meals)

Dress code: Scrubs for work, normal clothing for rest of the time

Accommodation: Safe and clean but basic and cold.

Accommodation cost: Included

Helpful hints: Learn Spanish, bring WARM clothing, be ready to participate in saying grace, but there are no more religious activities on top of this.

Questions you are glad to have asked before leaving on placement:

Questions you WISHED you asked before leaving on placement: How much Spanish do I need to know? How much medical stuff do you actually get to do? What is the weather like? What are the accommodations like? What additional costs are there?

Overall, would you recommend this placement for future students? Yes