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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: Assisting in putting on public health campaigns in the shanty towns of Lima and the surrounding area.

Student experience description: Learned a lot about human connection and the basic health needs of the people living in the poorest of conditions in the shanty towns. Not a lot of medical knowledge was gained however, it was a wonderful experience none the less.

Placement safety: Safe.

Educational experience (out of 10): 6

Social/cultural experience (out of 10): 7

Does the organization have any religious affiliations? Yes

At any point did you feel expected to participate in religious activity? No

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

Dress code: Relaxed – scrubs and warm clothes.

Accommodation: Clean and safe and in a nice neighbourhood. There is no heating and no hot water so bring warm clothes!

Accommodation cost: Included

Helpful hints: Bring lots and lots of warm clothes to wear around the house (slippers, sweat pants, toques, mits, socks) Bring hair nets to wear when checking the patients for lice. Bring your own towel.

Questions you are glad to have asked before leaving on placement: Whether we needed our own bedsheets. Whether we needed clinical skills clothes.

Questions you WISHED you asked before leaving on placement: What sorts of things can we bring for the people living in the shanty towns. We were told to bring donations but it would have been more rewarding to supply the people with things they truly needed and wanted.

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