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## Dumaguete City, Philippines International Program September 26 - October 7, 2025

### ***General Information:***

An international program for students has been planned for Dumaguete City, Philippines, offering opportunities to earn course and/or clinical credit. The awarding of academic credit will depend on the individual student's program of study and its specific requirements.

Proposed educational activities include:

- **Patient Care Across the Lifespan**  
Students will engage in diverse healthcare activities, including preventive screenings, primary care services, and wellness and developmental care. These experiences will vary based on the student's level of training:
  - **Undergraduate nursing students:** Clinical experiences will be conducted in collaboration with faculty and nursing students from Silliman University's College of Nursing.
  - **Advanced Practice nursing students:** Students will have opportunities to work alongside local healthcare providers in community health clinics and medical facilities affiliated with Silliman University Medical Center.
- **Community Engagement Activities**
  - Students will collaborate with faculty and students from Silliman University, as well as local community members, to conduct health assessments and deliver health and wellness education on pre-selected topics.
- **Silliman University & TTUHSC Barangay Health Workers Conference**
  - In the semester preceding travel to Dumaguete City, nursing and public health students will work in interprofessional teams to develop presentations for the conference
  - During the conference, TTUHSC and Silliman University students will jointly present their work, fostering cross-institutional collaboration.

These activities are designed to enhance students' professional competencies, foster Cultural Intelligence and Global Competence, and promote community health improvements.

### ***International Program Cost:***

The cost of the international program is \$1475, and includes lodging, in-country transportation, domestic flight from Manila to Dumaguete City, administrative fees, and international program fee paid to Silliman University.

Additional expenses not covered by the international program fee include international airfare, meals, and personal spending.

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Selected participants are required to submit an initial payment of **\$750 by Friday, July 4, 2025**. The remaining balance for participation in the international program is due no later than **Friday, August 29, 2025**.

Information regarding available funding can be found on the Office of Global Health (OGH) website: <https://www.ttuhs.edu/global-health/funding.aspx>.

***Application Process:***

The application for participation in the international program can be found at: <https://student.ttuhs.edu/global-health/philippines.aspx> and will remain open until **May 23, 2025**.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by June 6, 2025.

***Eligibility Requirements:***

To be eligible to participate in an International Program for Students, a person must be a student at the University. For the purposes of an International Program for Students, a student is defined as all persons taking courses at the University, either full-time or part-time, pursuing undergraduate, graduate or professional studies, specifically excluding School of Medicine House Staff. Persons who are not officially enrolled for a particular term but who have a continuing relationship with the University or who have been notified of their acceptance may be considered students.

For the purposes of an International Program for Students, a person is considered to have a continuous relationship with the University if the person was enrolled at the University for the preceding semester and:

- Is registered or preregistered for the following semester; or
- If the person has not completed the person's degree program, is eligible to continue the degree program in the following semester; or
- If the person completed a degree program in the preceding semester and is admitted to another degree program at the University for the following semester.

In addition, persons must be in good academic and disciplinary standing as determined by the person's school at the time the person applies for an International Program and at the time of the dates of travel. Good disciplinary standing is defined as relating to a student not currently on disciplinary probation; or, a student, whose disciplinary suspension, expulsion or conditions and/or restrictions imposed, if any, have been totally fulfilled in a timely manner.

Per OP 10.29, International Programs for Students, International Programs are part of a degree program. As such, schools will determine course credit being awarded for an International Program in accordance with OP 60.05.

***Participant Selection:***

The TTUHSC leadership team will select approximately 24 students for the international program. Should demand exceed available spots, a selection rubric will be used. Applicants not initially selected may be placed on a waitlist.

***Withdrawal and Refunds:***

TTUHSC is not responsible for any financial losses associated with airline bookings, international program fees, or other expenses if a participant becomes ineligible or unable to participate. Participants assume responsibility for any financial losses incurred in such situations. Additional information on Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR) Insurance will be provided to international program participants upon selection.

***Mandatory Team Meetings:***

Selected participants are required to attend 8 mandatory pre-travel team meetings starting the week of June 16, 2025. Meetings will be conducted via Zoom and are expected to last approximately one hour each.

***Pre-departure Requirements:***

All participants must complete the TTUHSC International Program pre-departure requirements. Detailed information on these requirements is available on the Office of Global Health website at <https://www.ttuhs.edu/global-health/requirements.aspx>.

***Specific Questions about the Philippines International Program:***

SON students: please contact Dr. Wendy Thal at [wendy.thal@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:wendy.thal@ttuhsc.edu).

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***General Questions about TTUHSC International Programs:***

Please contact the Office of Global Health at [globalhealth@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:globalhealth@ttuhsc.edu).