



Medical Placement



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Vietnam - Ho Chi Minh

Have an eye-opening observational experience at a hospital in Ho Chi Minh. This program is ideal for persons currently working or studying in the medical field.

Get your scrubs on for this rare opportunity to shadow local medical professionals and gain insight into the Vietnamese healthcare system. You will experience a new culture and new working environment, as you are guided through different tasks and activities.



Program Description

This program is based in a government-operated hospital, serving the community of Ho Chi Minh. Observation, recording and analysing will be a key part of this project, as it is a hands-off experience.

It's important to note that these institutions are bound by government regulations and cannot allow international participants to perform tasks independently. For this reason, this project is best suited to pre-medical or medical students hoping to gain more insight into the Vietnamese healthcare system.

You will have the opportunity to shadow nurses, doctors, and therapists. Depending on your choice and availability, your daily tasks may consist of medication preparation, blood pressure measurement, basic triage and wound care.

The hospital has an x-ray room, a children's ward, an adult ward, a physiotherapy department, as well as an operating theatre, all of which participants may be actively involved in. You may also have an opportunity to observe staff in the acupuncture and occupational/physical therapy departments.

It is important to keep in mind that the English level of the placement staff does differ, however you will always be supported by an English-speaking coordinator from the local team. Participants are allowed to be involved with medical issues and ask the staff questions.

After completing your observational experience, you will be awarded a certificate to reflect your learning accomplishments!

Possible activities during your time in the hospital may vary depending on your background and experience.

Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks): 1

Aims & Objectives

- Gain insight into the Vietnamese healthcare system
- Observe the medical practices of local staff at the hospital in Ho Chi Minh
- Broaden your perspective of international medical care and treatment

Schedule

Monday

If this is your first week and you have signed up for Culture Week, you will start with an orientation with fellow participants consisting of a tour of Ho Chi Minh's cultural icons, Vietnamese language and culture classes. If you did not sign up for Culture Week, you will be given a brief orientation on Monday and begin your placement on Tuesday.

Tuesday to Friday

At the beginning of your placement, you will start with a full introduction to the hospital. You will also discuss your upcoming role, as you shadow and observe local medical professionals in a variety of settings throughout the hospital in Ho Chi Minh. You may have opportunities to participate in basic triage, wound care, blood pressure measurement and medication preparation.

please note that there will be a long break in between at lunch time.

This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

Starting Dates

During 2019

This program starts every week.

During 2020

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Minimum age:	16
Maximum age:	-
Minimum English level:	Basic
CRB required:	On Signup
Passport copy required:	On Signup
Resume copy required:	On Signup
Required qualification:	Medical Background

Additional Requirements

- You must have an established medical background – studying on a pre-medical track, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, occupational/physical therapy, or working in a relevant field.
- You will need to submit your qualifications (Medical study transcripts) and CV/Resume and a copy of your passport by email to the local team at least two weeks before beginning the program. Your documents will be sent to the hospital for review.

Additional Equipment

- Blue Scrubs (any shade)
- Closed toe shoes (no flip flops allowed)