

SAMPLE Family Medicine Elective Application

Title:

One month Family Medicine Elective at Stellenbosch Hospital in Stellenbosch, South Africa.

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Course Description:

Stellenbosch Hospital is a small, community hospital that serves a predominately uninsured population. During this clerkship, I will be working under the supervision of physicians in the Family and Community Medicine Department. I will be providing care for an underserved population with a broad spectrum of medical problems. I will also be able to educate them about health issues and preventive medicine. I will learn about the health care system in South Africa, and the social issues faced by people in this country. I will further cultivate my history taking, physical examination skills, and communication skills. I will gain valuable knowledge about the field of primary care.

Course Objectives:

1. Describe how family medicine functions in a communal hospital setting and how underserved populations are specifically affected.
2. Compare and contrast the primary care delivery system experienced locally versus globally, and focus on practices best supporting patient populations.
3. Identify ways in which family, culture, and policy affect individual patient, as well as community population, health and behavior.
4. Perform history and physical exams using the biopsychosocial model of health care.
5. Educate patients about health promotion and disease prevention.
6. Write a reflection essay to share learned experiences and interpretations with other medical students and faculty members

Method of Evaluation:

The student will be evaluated via faculty observation (75%), and reflection essay (25%) to be submitted at the conclusion of the rotation.

Number of Weeks: 4

Number of Credits: 1