International Medical Outreach Internship Opportunity
Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine

Position Title: Undergraduate Internship in International Medical Outreach

Location: Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (http://www.vcom.edu)
Auburn, Alabama

Type: Fall/Spring/Summer Semester internship; part-time; variable/flexible schedule; unpaid; minimum of 40 hours over the semester; earns 1 credit hour; cannot be repeated

Application: Applications are open to undergraduate juniors and seniors interested in medicine, pharmacology, public health and/or international studies. Applicants screened as top candidates will be invited to interview. A total of 4-5 interns per semester will be selected from among the applicants.

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Position Description:

Interns in the International Outreach Department at the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine will have an opportunity to work closely with the coordinators to prepare for the upcoming international medical outreach trips. This experience could include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Organizing trip supplies and medicines
- Creating, updating and printing labels
- Inventorying medicines and filling in the trip medical formulary
- Preparing medicines and supplies for packing and distribution
- Instructing medical students as to how to prepare the medicines for distribution abroad
- Entering patient data in SPSS
- Compiling medical trip binders
- Filing patient charts, waivers and other trip documents
- Using Publisher to create student profile sheets
- Using Excel to create trip rosters, rooming lists, rotation schedules and other administrative spreadsheets
- Compiling lice, tinea and wound care kits
- Packing suitcases, exam bags and medical backpacks
- Sorting orders of polo shirts and scrubs
- Making PowerPoint presentations of the trip pictures
- Researching potential donors

This is a great opportunity to learn the mechanics of preparing for and implementing an international medical trip. Interns also will have an opportunity to work directly with medical students, staff, and faculty to gain healthcare-related knowledge and experience. There are opportunities to individualize the internship to meet each individual’s career goals.
Elective internship opportunities may include the following, based on student interest and availability:

- Anatomy lab tour and lecture
- Medical school library tour
- Simulation Center training session
- Medical class lectures
- Shadowing a physician
- Local community outreach
- International outreach trip participation
- Research and project development

_VCOM currently operates three-year-round clinics in the Dominican Republic, El Salvador and Honduras. Yearly, VCOM sends almost 300 students on week-long medical outreach trips and over 50 students on month-long rotations to provide free medical care to those in need. Medical outreach trips occur every April, July, October and December. Depending on space, student academic schedules and acceptable performance during the internship, there could be an opportunity for the interns to participate in one of the trips. The student would be responsible for obtaining his/her own funding for the trip._

Requirements:

- Junior or senior undergraduate pursuing a degree in a field related to medicine, health care, public health, pharmacology or international studies
- 40-hour commitment over the semester to obtain the 1 credit hour
- Experience with PowerPoint, Word, Excel and Microsoft Outlook or other email and calendar programs
- After selection, students will be enrolled in BIOL 4920, a one-semester-hour internship course; grading (S/U) will be based on reflective writing assignments plus a project log, showing dates and hours worked and duties completed at VCOM-Auburn. Dr. Jack Feminella, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the College of Sciences and Mathematics, will be the course professor and will assign the grade.

Additional criteria for the position:

- Strong interest in international health and dedication to improving the lives of underserved populations in the U.S. and around the world
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work in a professional environment with medical students, healthcare professionals, and college faculty and staff
- Strong organizational skills
- Experience with SPSS desirable, but not necessary
- Spanish skills or an interest in learning Spanish would be an asset for the international outreach trip, but is not a prerequisite
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Name: __________________________________________________________

Email Address: _________________________________________________

Phone Number(s): ______________________________________________

Classification (JR, SR): ___________  Semester Desired: ___________

Field of Study/Major: __________________________________________

Projected Career Goal (Medicine/Public Health): _____________________

Dates/Locations of Previous Mission Trips: _________________________

List programs you can use (PowerPoint/Word/Excel/Outlook): _________

List languages you speak: _________________________________________

List employment experiences: ________________________________

Tell briefly why you are interested in this internship:

Other Comments: _____________________________________________