Child Family Health International is a leader in global health education, facilitating international internships that meet rigorous ethical, safety, and academic standards. CFHI’s socially responsible approach and reciprocal, long-term partnerships with communities, ongoing support of local healthcare infrastructure, US and local staff structures, as well as time-tested policies and procedures protect the wellbeing of both students and host communities. Our global partnerships with physicians, clinical and public/community health sites are established and reliable, and CFHI offers the expertise needed to administer global health programs to match academic needs.

Primary Care and Social Medicine
Cordoba, Argentina

Like many other countries in Latin America, Argentina has developed a universal healthcare system and invested heavily in primary care over the last decade. Primary care providers are a pivotal component in the overall strategy of Argentina to provide health for all. As part of this approach, Argentine medical schools encourage students to pursue a career in primary healthcare, whereas only a fifth of US medical students choose this specialty. Join this program and gain insight into Argentina’s primary care network and how the goals outlined in the 1978 Alma-Ata Declaration are being carried out.

Become an intern at the State Ministry of Health, the entity running federal and state public health outreach and education programs. Join mobile clinics run by the ministry of health providing free services such as blood pressure screening, vaccines, mammograms and nutrition counseling. In addition, work with the Social Services Department within various secondary hospitals in the city, which run education and outreach programs, such as monthly diabetes education groups, a free diabetes medication program, sexual health education, and healthy eating campaigns.

Become immersed in Argentinian culture and language through conversational and medical Spanish classes while living with local students or families in Cordoba. Interns may also organize weekend trips to destinations such as Villa Carlos Paz lake region, La Cumbrecita and other hill towns for hiking and outdoor activities. Within Cordoba city, enjoy the vibrant cultural scene including museums, theaters and cafes. Spanish classes take place at a nearby language school.

Language Requirement: Beginner Spanish (level 2) is required for this program. Please review this page to determine your Spanish level: [https://www.cfhi.org/spanish-self-assessment-guide](https://www.cfhi.org/spanish-self-assessment-guide)

Ideal candidates will have experience in or knowledge of public health at the policy and community education/outreach levels.

Fee for 9-week internship: $5,850. Fee does not include flights.
CFHI Global Health Education Programs

CFHI On-Site Partners

At each program site, CFHI has two local leaders who work a team to run all elements of the program. CFHI local partners have worked with the organization for many years and are in regular communication with CFHI headquarters in San Francisco. CFHI conducts regular site visits by our US-based staff to each program.

The local Medical Director oversees and arranges all clinical and public health-related activities and is also responsible for coordinating healthcare services for participants as needed. They oversee a cadre of preceptors, who are the one-on-one mentors and supervisors for interns within both clinical and public/community health sites. They maintain strong partnerships with on-site preceptors (supervisors) at each clinical/public health internship site.

The CFHI Local Coordinator manages the logistics of housing, transportation, and cultural immersion throughout the program. He or she is responsible for arranging airport pickup and drop off, accommodations, transport to and from internships, and logistics for all program activities. The Local Coordinator acts as the go-to person for any questions or issues related to cultural immersion. The Local Coordinator conducts a weekly reflection meeting and addresses any issues with accommodation or transportation logistics with the participants.

Global Health Competencies

CFHI programs are designed to provide participants with concrete skills for global health work and domestic work within multicultural and international populations, and to broaden and deepen interns’ understanding of the context of this work and the populations being served.

By the end of their program, interns will be able to:

- With respect to patients and populations, articulate the relationship between health and the social determinants of health.
- Demonstrate an understanding of cultural and ethical issues in working with and learning within the context of underserved populations.
- Demonstrate an understanding of barriers to health, as well as healthcare delivery strategies and systems in low-resource settings and how these influence access to care.
- Demonstrate a commitment to professional behavior while working collaboratively with health care team members and being respectful of differences in knowledge, practices, and culture.
- Identify the major causes of morbidity and mortality affecting the populations encountered during the Global Health Education Program or Internship.
Program Components

**Pre-Departure Training (PDT):**
Each participant will also have access to the following pre-departure material in their online profile:

- **Reader #1 Logistics**: Includes important information regarding travel to their internship site including visas, recommended vaccinations and other on-site logistics.
- **Reader #2: Global Health ethics**: Summary of global health ethics and 5 peer-reviewed scholarly articles that will inform their experience in-country.
- **Reader #3**: Description of the country’s healthcare system with emphasis on the specific program topic along with 5 peer-reviewed scholarly articles.
- **GAPS Instructions (Global Ambassadors for Patient Safety)**: An online module series offering various case studies to prepare students for their clinical experience.
- **Globesmart**: An interactive tool to help increase cross-cultural communication skills and build meaningful personal and professional relationships in new cultural contexts.
- **CFHI staff is also available to answer any questions via email or phone.**

**On-Site Orientation:**

- Upon arrival, CFHI’s local team will hold an orientation meeting. At this orientation, the following topics are discussed: Health and safety, emergency procedures, cultural immersion, local transportation, “house” rules, clinical/research schedules.
- Lectures, Cultural activities, Educational field trips: Site visits, interdisciplinary and experiential components gave students an in-depth look at various clinical and public health challenges faced in and around the program site. This program will include lectures from local health experts including the program Medical Director and preceptors, and participation in various health education and outreach activities in the local community.