

Child Family Health International

Child Family Health International – Children’s Pediatric Hospital
Accra, Ghana

Child Health & Social Determinants

Organization Overview

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.

Social Issue Focus & Impact

Ghana, located in West Africa, has a long and rich cultural history and is considered one of the most stable and democratic countries in Africa. With strong political and economical systems, and vibrant cities, Ghana is the perfect gateway for a rich cultural experience in Africa.

Despite strong economic growth and a stable political system, Ghana still has a long road to providing quality healthcare for children. Citizens have been working tirelessly to reduce infant mortality rates and improve the overall health of the pediatric population in the country. However, social and economic conditions have continued to impact the health of children, with malaria, anemia, and malnutrition the leading contributors to childhood morbidity in Ghana. In the bustling capital city of Accra, interns will see firsthand the various factors that directly affect the health of Ghanaian children.

Position Description

Join local medical and public health professionals in a historic public Children's Hospital in Accra and see how these professionals provide care in a resource-poor environment, overcoming challenges such as financial and structural constraints of the healthcare system and the social determinants that lead to illness in children. Student internships include accompaniment of local health professionals in the hospital setting and may also include development and implementation of health education materials, data review and analysis of patient charts, and review and updating of patient intake documents and procedures.

Students on this program will stay in a CFHI program house, accompanied by a caretaker and/or local coordinator. Language classes will take place either at a local language school or at a break room in the hospital or program accommodations.

Student Profile

Ideal candidates will have experience in or knowledge of public health at the policy and community education/outreach levels. There is no language requirement on this program.

Time Frame

9 Weeks