

Child Family Health International

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Tablas Islands, Philippines

Remote Island Medicine – Manila and Quezon, Quezon or Romblon,

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

Comprised of over 7,100 islands in Southeast Asia, the Philippines is an archipelago filled with natural beauty and rich culture. Along with its rich biodiversity, white sandy beaches, mountain ranges, and tropical rainforests, the country's colorful history is filled with a unique blend of cultures. While experiencing the cultural diversity and natural beauty of the Philippines, interns will learn about the country's devolved health system and the various challenges in providing adequate healthcare in the context of its geography. In many remote, hard-to-reach islands, otherwise known as geographically isolated disadvantaged areas (GIDA), hospitals and health care clinics strive to deliver quality health services despite the often-inadequate infrastructure, investment, supplies and personnel. Interns will observe first-hand the daily healthcare challenges faced by "barangays" or villages, on remote islands in the provinces of Quezon and/or Romblon.

Position Description

By visiting premiere urban public and private health facilities in the capital city of Manila prior to the remote island immersion, interns gain an appreciation of the dichotomies between public versus private and rural versus urban healthcare systems. Interns will meet local health professionals at the Department of Health and the WHO Western Pacific Regional Office Headquarters and enjoy cultural lectures and excursions led by CFHI's on-site partners. Following an orientation week in Manila, students will continue on to one of two islands where they will contribute to public health education initiatives led by local community health workers at primary care and health extension centers.

In this program, interns stay in a hotel during their first week in manila, and in guest houses in the islands. Tagalog/Filipino classes take place either at the guest house or at a nearby NGO office.

Student Profile

Ideal candidates will have experience with, or knowledge about nonprofit organizations/NGOs or primary care settings in low-resource or Global South settings. There is no language requirement for this program.

Time Frame

9 Weeks