

UNC School of Medicine
Global Health Elective
Student Feedback Form

Information that you provide will be made available for future UNC students to use in planning educational electives in global health and international medicine. It must be completed in order to receive elective credit for your rotation OR funding through the Office of International Activities (Becton-Tannenbaum, Perkins Burke, Medical Alumni Loyalty Fund Global Enrichment Fellowships and International Health Fellowships). Please complete and return to the Office of International Activities (shawes@med.unc.edu or Martha_carlough@med.unc.edu)

I. STUDENT INFORMATION

- A. Student Name: Matthew Wofford
- B: Email: matthew_wofford@med.unc.edu C. Phone/cell number (optional): _____
- D. Graduating year from UNC Medical School: 2014
- E. Check when you took this elective:
 Summer between 1st and 2nd year 3rd year 4th year Other: _____
- F. What UNC Department and course did you register for this elective through? Medicine; Psychiatry
- G. Faculty advisor: Dr. Debra Bynum; Dr. Gary Gala
- H. Dates that you completed the elective: 3/3-4/11 Year: 2014
- I. From the list below, select the **one choice** that best describes your motivation for taking this elective:
____ interest in global health ____ desire to get experience for CV/job opportunities
____ interest in travel ____ family of origin reasons
____ interest in helping others other: Interest in Japanese medical system/clinical practice
____ desire to learn/improve Spanish skills
- J. What was the major emphasis of this elective:
____ medical Spanish and Latino health
____ global health research
 clinical care in an international setting
____ community health/development
____ Other: _____
- K. Was this a ____ group experience or individual experience?

II. ELECTIVE PROGRAM INFORMATION

- A. Country where you completed the elective: Japan
- B. City: Nagoya
- C. Name of Program or Hospital where you worked: Nagoya University School of Medicine
- D. Website address (if available): _____
- E. From the list below, select the choice **that best describes** how you first learned about this program:
____ referral from a friend/personal contact ____ web site information from: _____
____ another student who went there other: UNC SOM Int. Affairs
- F. Name of program person you worked with and contact information: Dr. Toru Kondo
kondo.toru@med.nagoya-u.ac.jp
- G. Costs
Tuition: Waived Roundtrip travel: \$1,550
Other expenses you incurred, including vaccinations, supplies (please list type and amount):
Food \$500
Housing \$350
Daily Transportation \$250
- H. Did this program/hospital have a religious affiliation? ____ YES NO

If yes, with what group: _____

I. Did this program/hospital have an academic affiliation? YES ___NO

If yes, with what institution: Nagoya University School of Medicine

III. GLOBAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE CHARACTERISTICS

A. List three educational outcomes you achieved with this elective

1. Improved understanding of Japanese medical system
2. Improved clinical understanding of many medical/psychiatric conditions
3. Improved Japanese language ability, especially in medical context

B. Was the experience a good use of time for you during medical school? YES ___NO

C. Did you have adequate clinical supervision? YES ___NO

D. Did you have adequate opportunities for hands-on clinical work? YES ___NO

E. Would you recommend this elective to other medical students? YES ___NO

If YES, Why? Very welcoming faculty; arranged for a rich range of clinical exposure

If NO, Why? _____

F. Was the program responsive to your needs? YES ___NO

G. Did you have appropriate arrangements for housing, food and safety/health issues? YES ___NO

If NO, please describe: _____

H. Did you have adequate information about what to expect in advance? YES ___NO

If NO, what would have been helpful: _____

I. Did you feel that you had adequate support from UNC in setting up this opportunity? YES ___NO

THANK YOU!!! THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP FUTURE STUDENTS !!!

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I had a great experience with this program. Speaking Japanese at a fairly advanced level definitely helped make this a more rich experience, as I was able to perform patient interviews/exams myself while working with general medicine. I did run into occasional language barriers, but they made accommodations to have people who could assist with interpretation available. My overall experience was a combination hands on patient care, observership, case discussions, and attending conferences. Working with medicine, I had exposure to inpatient and outpatient work in an academic hospital, outpatient in outside clinics and rural settings, and home visits. Increased nuances of language made psychiatry somewhat more difficult to interact independently with patients, and my role was more limited to observership and attending case discussions during those two weeks mainly in the outpatient setting, but I was also able to attend inpatient rounds. Just from a scheduling standpoint I would also point out that the Japanese medical students are on vacation during the month of March, and new interns start in the beginning of April.

As long as individuals are willing to accept that they will have less of a direct role in patient care than they are accustomed to in the US, I do not think that language ability should be a barrier to participating in this elective. Most faculty and residents speak English to a degree, and they also made efforts to provide additional interpreters as needed. There were other American students who rotated at Nagoya University without any Japanese language background that still had very rewarding experiences while I was there.

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