

International Health Essay

The purpose of this essay is to clarify key insights you have gained surrounding the field of international health.

Your Name:

Email:

Dates of service-learning experience:

Location of service-learning experience:

Instructions: Compose a response to each question, expressing yourself in 2-3 paragraphs.

1) Describe the health of the community of your INMED Service-Learning Site. Include demographics, health behavior, and health problems, and how these are connected with the community’s income, education, and access to healthcare. (*Competency Objective: Skill in community-wide health promotion and death/disability prevention)*

2) Describe the healthcare interventions provided by your INMED Service-Learning Site. How are these influenced by funding, staffing, and community acceptability? (*Competency Objective: Skill in community-wide health promotion and death/disability prevention)*

3) Describe your role at this Service-Learning Site, including an explanation of your responsibilities and typical daily activities.

4) Describe a memorable patient whom you cared for. What was the clinical presentation, differential diagnosis, management plan, and outcome? *(Competency Objective: Management and prevention of leading diseases of poverty)*

5) Describe a particular clinical skill(s) you acquired. What was the skill? How did you learn it? In what setting was this skill(s) particularly useful? *(Competency Objective: Proficiency in clinical skills useful in low-resource settings)*

6) Describe your on-site educational presentation. Why did you choose the topic? How was received? What did you learn from the experience?

*(Competency Objective: Transfer of healthcare skills to other personnel)*

7) What kind of cultural challenges did you face during this experience? How did you adapt to these challenges? These may include, for example, cultural shock, cultural misunderstandings, ethical dilemmas, language barriers, or adaptation to low-resource healthcare. *(Competency Objective: Culturally appropriate healthcare)*

8) Imagine yourself beginning a new healthcare work in a similar community. What would be your process? How would you build your team? What interventions would you advocate first? *(Competency Objective: Design and implementation of team-lead healthcare interventions)*

9) What personally motivates you to promote healthcare for forgotten people?

10) Many healthcare professionals are enamored with the possibility of serving forgotten people. Yet relatively few ultimately make this their major career tract. What steps can you recommend to transform such a vision into reality?

When you have completed your responses, please this upload document to your INMED Service-Learning Course. You will receive a written response to your essay. Thank you for this important reflection!