Cuba

Cuba is well known for implementing a health system that focuses on access to preventive and primary care services, uses data to guide resource allocation, and includes community-based interventions. Even though the economic situation in Cuba significantly influences the level of available health resources, health statistics provide evidence of the achievements of many health programs. Much can be learned about the provision of public health services by studying Cuba’s health system and Cuba’s health work in other countries.

This class offers graduate students an opportunity to study international public health issues by providing an intensive study of the public health system in Cuba. The class is offered in collaboration with faculty from the Cuban National School of Public Health. Seminar topics include: primary care and prevention services; maternal and child health; allocation of resources; international health programs; and social, political, and economic factors that influence health and health service delivery. Information on health systems in other Latin American and Caribbean countries will be included in the course to provide context for understanding public health issues in Cuba.

Program Faculty

Dr. Joan O’Connell is offering the program for the 6th year. She teaches global health classes at the Colorado School of Public Health. (joan.oconnell@ucdenver.edu)

Program Features

Learn about the successes and challenges of the Cuban Health System, which has provided comprehensive services amidst blockades and limited resources.

Visit Cuba’s Latin American School of Medicine, known for offering free and low cost tuition to international students who agree to practice in underserved regions of the world.

Explore Old Havana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
Intensive Study of Public Health Services in Cuba

Program Details

Cost: Approximately $4,600.00 USD (Includes tuition costs for 3 credits)

Cost Includes
Tuition charges and fees, shared accommodation, entrance fees, some meals, ground transportation, & health insurance

Not Included
Round-Trip Airfare to Havana, most meals, & personal expenses

Credits
3 Credits, XMHA 6XXX

Application Deadline
February 24, 2017 (rolling admissions)

Program Dates
Online Class Begins: February 27, 2017
Seminar Dates Prior to the Trip:* March 9, April 6, and April 27, 2017
Cuba: May 19-30, 2017
Final Seminar:* June 15, 2017

Seminar Information
Seminars meet on Thursday, 4:00pm to 6:00pm

*Students living outside of the Denver area may join the seminars online using Zoom. A link will be provided prior to each session.

More Information

Please contact the Executive Programs office for more information:
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Denver, CO 80202
emba@cu.edu
(303) 623-1888

Course Requirements

Class work will start in February and continue through the end of June. Students will complete two written assignments and give two presentations (details below). Topics for these assignments will be selected from a list of public health focus areas.

Before the Trip, students will:
• Attend 3 class seminars
• Complete course readings
• Complete a literature review
• Participate in class and online discussions based on assigned readings

During the Trip, students will:
• Have the opportunity to interact with Cuban professors and students, visit health facilities, and participate in a collaborative project with Cuban students
• Participate in class discussions based on assigned readings
• Give presentations on their literature review

After the Trip, students will:
• Complete a paper due in June 2017
• Summarize their papers in a presentation to be given on June 15, 2017

How to Apply

The online application may be accessed at:
http://emba.colorado.edu/cuba2017apply
You will be asked to upload a Word document with responses to a limited number of questions and an official transcript. It is not necessary to include a copy of the facepage of your passport in the application.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available for CU Denver students. Please keep in mind that spring/summer programs are considered part of spring financial aid. For more information, contact the appropriate financial aid office:

Anschutz students: Gail Sasao gail.sasao@ucdenver.edu
Downtown students: financialaid@ucdenver.edu or (303)-315-1850

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