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Study Abroad

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## Global Health

 **Duration** As desired, but usually between 2 and 4 weeks

 **Locations** New Zealand, Australia and Fiji

The study of global health in the South Pacific region gives students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the divergent approaches host nations take towards health and well-being and, within those nations, the different approaches adopted by various cultural groups. Whether you wish for your program to be located in a single destination or in multiple destinations for a comparative study of global health, we can work with you to develop global health programs that stimulate students' understanding of the human, social, cultural, institutional, and political dimensions of health and healthcare systems. Your program can approach global health from a variety of spatial, temporal and disciplinary scales, and can examine Western, local, and indigenous epistemologies to teach students to think critically about health within a rapidly changing world.

 **Antarctica**  **Australia**  **Fiji**  **New Zealand**



## **New Zealand**

### **Site visits to public and private health facilities**

These can include visits to public hospitals, district health boards and clinics. The visits provide an on-the-ground overview of the system that services New Zealanders' health and wellbeing, and provides a point of contrast with the health systems and services in the United States.

### **Site visit to non-government organization (NGO) focused on Maori health**

Visit an organization that addresses Maori health at the broadest level by improving indigenous physical wellbeing, spiritual wellbeing, mental wellbeing and family wellbeing. The NGO gives insight into the living conditions of many Maori today, and raises interesting questions about the legacy of colonization.

### **Introduction to New Zealand's Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC)**

Learn about New Zealand's ACC scheme which protects everyone in New Zealand if they are injured in an accident; this usually includes visitors to New Zealand, children, beneficiaries, students and all adults whether they are working, unemployed or retired.

## **Australia**

### **Visits to health research centers**

These can include centers focusing on psychology and mental disorders; cancer research; aging and early onset dementia; and tropical disease and medicine.

### **Tour of Royal Flying Doctors' hangar**

The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia is one of the largest and most comprehensive aeromedical organizations in the world. It provides emergency and primary healthcare services for those living in rural, remote and regional areas of Australia.

### **Indigenous healthcare in Australia**

A session on the gap in standards and delivery of healthcare between Australia's indigenous people and Australians of other ethnicities. The speaker focuses on how culture, history and politics affect the uptake and effectiveness of healthcare, and what is being done to close the gap.

## **Fiji**

### **Healthcare in Fiji**

A session that provides an overview of the health system and the main health concerns in Fiji.

### **Homestay experience in Fijian village**

Stay in the home of a local family to learn about how contemporary Fijians live in remote regions. The homestay experience includes traditional lovo and kava ceremonies, a meke performance and a service-learning project.

### **Guided tour of Sigatoka District Hospital**

The Sigatoka District Hospital is a small medical facility that was opened in 1969 and serves the people living in the Sigatoka Valley and nearby coastal communities on the island of Viti Levu. The hospital and its busy out-patient clinics are the primary provider of essential healthcare services to the region's population.