

Policy 2.15.a Global Health Educational Experiences

Section 2

General Policies & Procedures

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to inform program leadership and the residents regarding Institutional requirements associated with Global Health educational experiences while remaining compliant with the policies and procedures of the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Office, Office of International Services (OIS), and relevant accrediting entities (ACGME, CPME, TMB, etc.) to ensure appropriately supervised educational activities and safety of our residents during Global Health experiences.

Policy:

Global Health Educational Experiences for a resident in a UTHSCSA-sponsored program must be arranged by the program director and resident. The following criteria must be met:

1. Global health Rotations must be in an ACGME-accredited program and/or count toward residency and/or specialty board requirements. The program director and resident are responsible for contacting the relevant ABMS board to determine if Global Health Rotations count toward eligible time in residency training. All of these rotations must be approved by their respective departments, the GME office, OIS and the Global Health standing committee.
2. The resident and program director must make all arrangements in a written program letter of agreement form (template available from GME Office and on the GME website) for that experience, including:
 - Educational objectives of the special elective
 - Documentation of supervising physician(s) who are board certified or credentials meeting specialty specific requirements in any area of clinical practice that is to be overseen
 - Policies which will govern the resident's education
 - Work schedule with specific start and end dates
 - Salary, short term international medical insurance, workers compensation, licensure requirements, and malpractice coverage during elective/professional indemnity coverage (as required for clinical activities), proof of evacuation insurance, enrollment in State Department Smart Traveler's Enrollment Program (STEP)
 - All OIS forms completed (link to forms):
http://uthscsa.edu/ois/forms_masterlist.asp#anchor_depart)
3. All Global Health Rotations must be clearly documented on the Department's resident rotation schedule.