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**World Health Student Organization (WHSO) – Trips**

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**Description/Duties:**

The World Health Student Organization at WSU-SOM is comprised of students whose mission is to gain medical and cultural experiences outside their immediate communities. It is our organization's goal to provide free medical care to under-served populations around the world, to volunteer at community outreach projects that serve the citizens of Detroit, and to teach our fellow students about global health through various speakers and seminars.

One of the largest endeavors undertaken every year is to send students on medical relief missions over academic breaks. This is an opportunity to acquire a better understanding of health care needs of developing nations and to get exposed to clinical settings not routinely found in the United States. For the 2011-2012 school year, we will be organizing trips to Belize, Costa Rica, Haiti, and Ecuador in March and Nicaragua in December. We hope to help students help the world.

**Commitment:**

Year 1 Trips: Spring Break (Feb. 23 – Mar. 4, 2012)

Costa-Rica

Belize

Haiti

Year 2 Trips:

Nicaragua (Dec. 18, 2011 – Jan. 2, 2012) Christmas Break

Ecuador (Mar. 3 – Mar. 11, 2012) Spring Break

**Activities for Medical Students:**

Observing Agency/Organization staff interacts with clients/patients.

Opportunity to communicate health education information to clients/patients.

Conduct health screening: blood pressure, diabetes screening, medical history  
differential diagnosis

Tutoring adults and/or children

Intense home-stay experience in another country while running a full clinic from  
scratch for an entire week during academic breaks

International opportunity – medical relief mission trips abroad