



Global Health Practice Placement Application Procedure

Global Health practicums provide unique opportunities for students to practice health care in immersive cultural contexts. UBCO offers Global Health practicums in rural and remote communities both in Canada and internationally.

The application process for eligibility has been developed to assist students in planning for the experience.

All students are required to meet the criteria in the [Out of Region Practice Placement Experiences Standard](#) in order to be eligible for a Global Health Practicum.

Eligibility for Out of Region (OOR) clinical practicum placement includes the following criteria:

- Consistently satisfactory practice on midterm and final practice evaluations
- Consistently good academic standing
- Exemplary attendance record in practice courses
- No records of unprofessional conduct

Please note: Members of the School of Nursing Global Health Committee (GHC) and the FHSD Aboriginal Liaison will be available as a resource to students interested in pursuing a Global Health Practicum.

In the event of limited seats, priority will be given to students who are actively involved in community based and/or global health initiatives.

All Global Health placements cannot be guaranteed and there is a risk of cancellation. If circumstances or political situations change, students may be called back from the experience.

RURAL/REMOTE BC OR CANADA PLACEMENT APPLICATION PROCESS

Global health practicums in rural/remote communities in BC and Canada typically take place between January and March.

Application Process and Timeline:

1. Students must complete the NRSRG 430 Preference Request Form by June 30th, advising the Practice Placement Coordinator of their interest in a Rural/Remote Global Health Practicum in BC or Canada.
2. Students must complete the Global Health Practicum Application questionnaire by September 30th and submit electronically to the Chair of the GHC.
3. The GHC committee and/or the FHSD Aboriginal Liaison will review the student's file, considering how the student demonstrates:
 - a. Responsibility and professionalism
 - b. Collaboration and communication skills
 - c. Cultural awareness/safety
 - d. Strong clinical skills.
4. If any of the Out of Region pre-requisites have not been met, the GHC and/or the FHSD Aboriginal Liaison will take into consideration that the student may have grown in his/her abilities since an issue was identified. Specifically:
 - a. The Chair of the GHC and/or the FHSD Aboriginal Liaison will consult with the Practice Placement Coordinator, the Associate Director, the Team Leader, practice teachers, and the student themselves, to ascertain a holistic picture of the student at the time of application.

5. Notification of acceptance into the Global Health Practicum will be sent by the Chair of the GHC to the student by the end of October.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PROCESS

International practicums typically take place in March and April.

The UBCO Go Global Program is responsible for the administration of International Nursing Global Health Practicums. Students must apply for the practicum through the Go Global website in early September. The SON Global Health Committee, in consultation with the Team Leader and Associate Director reviews all applications.

The Chair of the GHC will notify students of the decision in October.

Application Process and Timelines:

1. Students must complete the NRS 430 Preference Request Form by June 30th, advising the Practice Placement Coordinator of their intention to complete an International Global Health Practicum.
2. Students must complete the on-line Global Health Practicum application through the on-line Go Global portal by the deadline date. Students will receive notification of the application and on-line portal via their UBC e-mail address.
3. Students must answer questions in the Go Global application to determine their suitability for a Global Health practicum and to assess their experience in raising Global Health awareness (See Appendix).
4. Students must upload their current CPR certification to the Go Global application.
5. The GHC committee will review the student's Go Global application student's file, considering how the student demonstrates:
 - a. Responsibility and professionalism
 - b. Collaboration and communication skills
 - c. Cultural awareness/safety
 - d. Strong clinical skills.
6. If any of the Out of Region pre-requisites have not been met, the GHC will take into consideration that the student may have grown in his/her abilities since an issue was identified. Specifically:
 - a. The Chair of the GHC will consult with the Practice Placement Coordinator, the Associate Director, the Team Leader, practice teachers, and the student themselves, to ascertain a holistic picture of the student at the time of application.
7. Notification of acceptance for placement will be sent by the Manager of the Go Global program by the end of October.
8. Decisions regarding where the student will be placed will occur after all students have been accepted into the practicum.
9. Students who are interested in participating in an international Global Health practicum are expected to participate in fundraising activities during the fall semester.
10. Students must successfully complete NRS 424 in January/February.
 - a. If issues have been identified in NRS 424, students may require a second acute care experience to be able to graduate and therefore may not be able to participate in the Global Health Practicum.
11. Students must attend mandatory preparation seminars will occur during the first week in March.
12. The Global Nursing Citizens hold a Homecoming in June in which all students are encouraged to attend.

Additional Student Responsibilities for International Global Health Placements

- Payment for the practicum is generally split up into 3 payments. The final payment is due the end of January.

- Students must purchase UBC accident and disability insurance or show proof of outside accident and disability insurance.
- Students are required to have a passport that is **valid for 6 months after** the dates they will be out of the country.
- Students may require a travel visa in/or en-route for some countries regardless of travel itinerary. Faculty will assist students with the visa requirements.
- Students must complete a consultation with a Travel Clinic to receive necessary immunizations and information about travelling abroad. Faculty will organize group sessions. If students are unable to attend a group session, it is the student's responsibility to make his or her own appointment.
- Students must show proof of required immunizations, travel medical insurance coverage, flight cancellation insurance and any other receiving agency requirements.
- Attendance is mandatory at all orientation sessions relevant to the particular placement.
- UBCO Risk Management processes must be completed prior to departure. This information will be provided by Go Global.

APPENDIX A

Nursing 430: Global Health Practicum: Application Questions

1. Why are you interested in a Global Health Practicum? Share your goals and a description of the type of experience you hope to gain with this placement. How do you see this practicum influencing your future practice and career plans?
2. Describe your understanding of what it is like to work and live in a different culture and community. Please consider the following:
 - a. specific preparation for a low income region / country
 - b. health issues: unique to the region / country
 - c. personal safety issues
 - d. sociopolitical situation
 - e. language and cultural issues
3. Please list and describe previous volunteer experience, contributions to the Global Nursing Citizens club, community outreach or any other relevant community service you have participated in to raise Global Health awareness.
4. Have you travelled outside of North America or to rural/remote locations in Canada? Please list the communities and countries you have visited.
5. Have you experienced living in challenging physical environments?
6. Students will be paired up together and will be sharing rooms. Are you comfortable with this arrangement? If not, please explain.
7. Do you meet the pre-requisites and criteria for Out of Region and Global Health Practicums? If not, please share any information you would like the GHC to consider in determining your suitability.
8. Access to healthcare needs may be limited. If you have any medical conditions or physical impairments that requires medical treatment or accommodation (i.e. diabetes, chronic pain requiring treatment), we ask that you disclose this information so we can make sure to seek out possible options for you while in-country. All information disclosed is kept confidential. If you would like to discuss this in person please contact Jeanette Vinek.
9. For International Global Health Practicums all students must participate in all pre-departure meetings / seminars/fundraising events. Will you be able to attend meeting and events on weekends, keeping in mind that all dates will be given to you ahead of time?