

Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine (BSOM)
Biennium 2 International Student Initiated Elective (I SIE)

I SIE Proposal Example

1. NAME OF STUDENT: Katherine Cauley
2. TITLE OF ELECTIVE: Community Medicine in Durban, South Africa
3. DEPARTMENT: Community Health
4. DIRECTOR AND FACULTY: *This should be the person who will serve as your on-site supervisor/preceptor at the facility in the country where you will be traveling. Include all the information below related to the on-site supervisor/preceptor.*
Name: Dr. Sarah Mdoma
Professional Training: Dr. Mdoma received her medical degree from the University of KwaZulu Natal in 1998, and completed clinical training in general surgery at the University Hospital.
Current Professional Affiliation: Dr. Mdoma is a faculty member in the department of General Medicine at the University of Kwazulu Natal and serves as the Program Director for clinical outpatient Training for the medical school
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5. SPECIFIC DATES OF ELECTIVE: Elective will begin January 3, 2016 and continue through January 31, 2016
6. SPECIFIC LOCATION(S) OF ELECTIVE:

The elective is administered through the University of Kwazulu Natal in Durban, South Africa. Part of the time will be spent at the university hospital and the rest of the time will be spend in rural clinics in communities surrounding Durban.
7. RATIONALE, GOALS, AND RELEVANT PRIOR EXPERIENCE:

I am interested in population health, community medicine and gaining a better understanding the impact of the social determinants of health. The elective will place me largely in the rural health clinics where most of the health care takes place for residents of communities surrounding Durban. Typically, people are only treated in the hospital setting in the event of an emergency or trauma.

The goals for this elective involve learning about the health care system in Durban, South Africa, learning health beliefs and practices typical of South African culture, and gaining clinical experience in physical examination, diagnosis and developing treatment plans that utilize resources in the larger community.

Previously, I have completed clinical training in Community Health Centers here in the US and through the Community Health Worker training I gained a better understanding of social determinants of health and their impact on disease progression.

8. ELECTIVE DESCRIPTION: (include in this section a daily schedule of your elective)
The elective will involve a combination of in-patient and out-patient work as follows:

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Morning | Hospital rounds/case conferencing | Rural clinic | Hospital rounds/case conferencing | Rural clinic | Rural clinic |
| Afternoon | In-patient rehabilitation | Rural clinic | In-patient rehabilitation | Rural clinic | Rural clinic |

I will be working with a variety of clinicians in the hospital setting and participating in case conferencing following rounds two mornings of the week. On those afternoons, I will be working with patients who are getting ready to be discharged from the hospital and assisting them in preparing to return home. Three days a week, I will be working directly with Dr. Mdoma in the rural clinics surrounding Durban, seeing on average forty patients per day.

9. CONTENT CATEGORIES:
Gain experience in 1) primary care with emphasis on physical examination and diagnosis; 2) disease management and facilitating patient self-management as appropriate; 3) recognizing symptoms of infectious disease.
10. LEARNING METHODS:
- Learning methods will include hands on experience treating patients, direct observation, and oral discussion through case conferencing.
 - Reading assignments will include assigned reading as determined by the preceptor.
11. EVALUATION:
- Grade will be pass/fail
 - Grading criteria will include clinical performance, professional behavior and general knowledge
 - Preceptor will complete and sign the Preceptor Evaluation Form and student will submit this form to Carol Bussey once they have returned to the US
 - Student will complete the International Elective Student Evaluation upon completion of the elective and submit this to Dr. Cauley