Comprehensive Rural Health Project (CRHP), Jamkhed, India

International Practicum / Internship in Public Health & Sustainable Development

June 15 - July 5, 2020

What Is CRHP?
The Comprehensive Rural Health Project, Jamkhed, works among the poor and marginalized of rural India. Founded in 1970 by Drs. Raj and Mabelle Arole to bring health to the poorest of the poor, based on their strong faith in following Jesus’ model of ministry, CRHP is an organization that empowers people to eliminate injustices through integrated efforts in health and development. Pioneering a comprehensive approach to community-based primary health care, known as Jamkhed Model, it has become a leader in public health and development within India and around the world.

Practicum / Internship Overview:
CRHP’s Jamkhed International Institute offers this experiential opportunity to familiarize students with CRHP’s principles of equity, integration and empowerment. The goal of this practicum is to provide the student with an overview of public health work in a cross-cultural, global setting and an exposure to a wide range of experiences in the field. The practicum/internship provides a field experience, through observation and practice, designed to orient students to various areas of global health work.

Examples include: Community-based participatory practice; Maternal & child health; Communicable & non-communicable diseases, mental health; Environmental health, including water & sanitation; Rural development

Possibility of extended stay to work on a project of mutual interest.

Sample of Seminars:

| CRHP Story: its inspiration, vision and mission, Jamkhed Model. |
| Community-Based Primary Health Care: How equity, integration and empowerment are central to the Model. |
| Cultural Context: How the caste system, gender inequality, poverty and other social issues affect all aspects of life. |
| Low-Cost Secondary Care: The importance of providing cost-effective medical care. |
| Community Organizing: Role of Mobile Health Team, Village Health Workers and CRHP-supported community groups. |
| Community Participation: Assessment of problems and resources, problem analysis, and appropriate action. |
| Appropriate Technology: Practical, scientifically sound, socially/culturally appropriate and affordable methods and technology. |

Discussion with, Observation and Participation in: Village Health Workers’ Training, Mobile Health Team village visits, Women’s Groups, Farmers’ Clubs, Adolescent Girls and Boys Programs, Farm activities, Indian Cultural Activities

Additional Experiential Learning Opportunities:

There will be many occasions throughout the course to increase participants’ exposure to CRHP and many facets of India.

Aurangabad: Visit Bibi Ka Maqbara (‘mini Taj Mahal’), Daulatabad Fort, Ellora Caves (UNESCO heritage site) known for their Jain, Buddhist and Hindu carvings.

Herbal Medicine Institute: Learn about the process of making herbal medicines and talk to the practitioners who use them.

Joyful Learning Preschool: Service-learning opportunity to work with a Montessori-inspired curriculum, ensuring that children of a slum community are prepared for their entry into primary school.

Community-Based Research: engaging with villagers.

Village Visits: Participate in exposure visits of our Project and Non-Project Villages.

Village Overnight: Spend a night in a CRHP Project Village, eating dinner and meeting the family of one of our Village Health Workers.

Farm Overnight: Spend the afternoon working at the CRHP Demonstration Farm and the night at the Farm Guesthouse with the staff at the Mabelle Arole Rehabilitation Center.

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Fee: $1700, includes pickup/dropoff in Pune, lodging, meals, field visits, tuition, overnight trip to Aurangabad.