**SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

**Master of Science in Global Health (MScGH) Program**

**Trip Application:**

**GSGH 836E - Ghana Global Health Experience**

**Winter 2020, 4 credits**

**OVERVIEW:**

This course is an experience trip in Ghana, West Africa. The coursework covers topics in globalization, natural childbirth, maternal and child health, cultural humility, West African herbalism, clinical services in an international setting, and working with local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to empower and educate rural Ghanaian women. For students in clinical programs (ND, MSOM, DSOM), clinical shadowing hours may be applied toward preceptor hours or community education with prior approval.

**Course Location:**

West Africa: Accra, Ghana and surrounding areas

**Course Dates:**

Tuition and grades are attached to the winter 2020 Academic Term, but travel occurs over the winter break. Additional course meetings may occur before (during the fall 2019 term) and after the travel dates (during the winter 2020 term).

**Travel Dates:**

December 15, 2018-December 29, 2018. **Travel must occur before and after these dates (that is, you must arrive by December 15th and may leave on or after December 30th)**.

**Course Faculty:**

Madeleine "Abena" Tuson-Turner, ND, MS (MSiMR), MS (MScGH)

**To participate in this Global Health Experience course, students must:**

* Complete this application, interview with the course director, and be accepted to enroll in the course;
* Be in good academic standing;
* Have current personal health insurance coverage and provide documentation of this coverage
* Have completed NUNM required vaccinations within the past three years, excepting those that need to be updated annually;
* Complete any required vaccinations for travel to Ghana (see <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel> for more information).
* Complete an online Travel Contract prior to departure;
* Have a valid, current passport;
* Have a valid, current travel visa (if required);
* Participate in mandatory pre-trip orientation meeting(s);
* Pre-register and then enroll in *GSGH* *836E: Ghana Global Health Experience* course for 4 credits in the winter 2020 term;
* Pay the trip deposit, trip fee balance and tuition; and
* Plan and pay for transportation to/from the course location in Ghana.

**Course Expenses:**

* A $3,800 fee to cover the costs of in-country transportation, lodging, activities, most meals and airfare up to $1,800.
* Course tuition (four credits)

*Note:* Students who wish to participate in this travel-related course, but do not want to receive academic credit, may pay an administrative fee equal to 20% of the full tuition cost of the course. *This option can be used only if space is available after all “for-credit” students have registered*. *NUNM enrolled students who register for the travel-related course for credit may not switch to the no credit option after the deadline established for submission of the course deposit and other fees has passed.*

* Additional personal expenses: estimated to be around $100 or at the student’s discretion.

**Travel-Based (Trip) Course Fee Policy:**

Students must apply, interview, and be accepted to travel-based courses. Once accepted, they will sign and submit an agreement to be registered for the travel, and are required to reserve their spot with a **50% deposit at the time of registration**. **The deposit for the Ghana course is $1,000 (50% of the non-airfare portion of the trip fee).** The deposit will be charged to the student’s NUNM account. The deposit is used to make travel arrangements, including accommodations and other travel-related expenses. The travel deposit may be assessed several months prior to the trip itself.

After the travel deposit has been assessed, a student who wishes to drop the course must submit an add/drop form and is subject to the following refund rates:

* Deposits for travel-based courses will be refunded at 100% up to eight (8) weeks prior to the first day of class on-site in Ghana (December 15, 2019), which is Sunday, October 20, 2019.
* **If the course is dropped within eight (8) weeks of the first day of class on-site (after October 20, 2019), the deposit is non-refundable.**

Please provide your printed name, signature and the date below to indicate that you will adhere to the Travel-Based (Trip) Course Fee Policy described above:

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**APPLICATION:**

**Please Provide the Following Information:**

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| **General Information** | |
| **Name:** | |
| **Date of Birth:** | **Year in School:** |
| **Program(s):** (Choose all that apply)  \_\_\_\_ Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (ND)  \_\_\_\_ Doctor of Science in Oriental Medicine (DSOM)  \_\_\_\_ MS in Oriental Medicine (MSOM)  \_\_\_\_ Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_ MS Global Health  \_\_\_\_ MS Integrative Medicine Research  \_\_\_\_ MS Integrative Mental Health  \_\_\_\_ MS Nutrition |
| **Track** (2 yr, 4 yr, 5 yr, other): | |
| **Best contact e-mail:**  **Cell phone:** | |

**Essay(s):**

Please complete the following essays. Please write at least 100 words, and no more than 1,000 words, on each essay. Provide your response at the end of this application.

1. Describe why you want to go to Ghana as part of a Global Health Experience course. Include a discussion of the expectations, positive and negative, you may have for this travel-related course.
2. Describe one major travel experience you have had in the past five years
   1. Include a description of when, where (international or national), why, with whom (individually, with family or a friend or two, or in a group).
   2. Include a description of how you created and managed your travel budget.
   3. Include a description of what you enjoyed the most – and the least - about this travel experience.
3. Describe a conflict or challenge you have experienced while interacting with other people and how you resolved this conflict or challenge.

**Application Deadline:**

Please submit this completed application and ALL essay responses in ONE WORD document to mtusonturner@nunm.edu by **5 pm on Friday, October 4, 2019**. Please put “Ghana Application” in the subject line of your email.

**Questions?**

Please contact Dr. Tuson-Turner ([mtusonturner@nunm.edu](mailto:mtusonturner@nunm.edu)) for more information about the course.

**Provide ESSAY responses below:**