### Course Information for 2015-2016

**FCM-429: Family and Community Medicine: Medical Mission to El Salvador**

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| Course description | 8 day medical mission experience in El Salvador. Helping hands medical missions  
(www.hhmm.org), is a Catholic medical mission organization with the dual purpose of serving the health care needs of the poor as well as to spiritually build up the participants of each mission.  
Resident physicians and 3rd or 4th year medical students see patients along side family physicians or other primary care physicians. |
| Objectives         | Our focus will be to meet some of the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the people through primary care. We will utilize a primary care and surgical team. each physician will see approximately 75 patients a day, at various sites. Our surgical team will operate at one hospital.  
Medical students and resident physicians are welcome to participate in this team effort. We have had family practice, internal medicine and OB residents join us in the past. Ob residents will primarily spend time in surgery. |
| Student responsibilities | Patient care of adults and children. Medical Spanish is helpful, but not required. Everyone must have a passport. Spouses and mature teenage children are welcome. Men and women will sleep in separate quarters. We will need to get up early 5:30am. If you choose to come, you are agreeing to be flexible and give up individual preferences and conveniences for the good of the team and the people of El Salvador that we serve. The cost for room and bored and mission fee and the plane ticket is about $1300. Funds may be available to help defer the cost for medical students. Residents can use their CME money to help pay the costs. |
| Educational methods | Independent reading/study, small group discussion |
| Evaluation methods | Oral presentation |
| Student Experiences | 75 patients a day, 100% outpatient |
| Course Sites       | El Salvador |
| Course Duration    | 1 week |
| Credits (count toward graduation requirements) | 1 |
| Availability for SLU students | Number accepted: 2  
Available to M4 in period 210 |
| Availability for Visiting students | This elective is not available for visiting students. |
To Add after restriction days

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To Drop after restriction days

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