

Summer Shadowing Experience in Madrid, Spain

Insights into Medicine as an International Profession

Rationale: Pre-medical students are encouraged to gain clinical experience during their undergraduate years of study in preparation for application to medical school. Medical school admissions committees look for clinical experience, such as shadowing of physicians during their medical practices. Students need to research the medical field, have knowledge of a physician's daily activities, and demonstrate their motivation and commitment to pursuing a career as a physician.

The physician shadowing program hosted by SLU-Madrid will provide you with an intensive learning experience in a clinical setting under the guidance of a Spanish doctor employed in a health care center or hospital in Madrid. Our faculty have established excellent working relationships with different hospitals in Madrid and have designed a program that will deepen your understanding of healthcare as a profession and strengthen your candidacy for medical school.

SLU-Madrid has the right to cancel the program in response to the Madrid's Comunidad Health Department instructions in connection with COVID19.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend four weeks in Madrid, Spain shadowing physicians four days per week (20 hours per week), shadowing up to four different physicians.
- Earn credits towards your degree through enrolling Saint Louis University summer courses at the MadridCampus.
- Learn first-hand about Spain's private or public funded healthcare system.
- Build confidence in a hospital setting through extensive observation of physician to patient contact.
- Experience the rich culture and cuisine of Spain through campus activities and events.
- A maximum of five students will participate in Summer 2022 program.



Program Duration

- 4 Weeks [May 26-June 23, 2022]

Fees

Students need to register for PPHS 4910 Internship in Pre-Professional Health Studies (1 credit) and the class has a 100 euros fee.

Listing of focus areas available for student shadowing

- Surgery – traumatology surgery
- Traumatology

Details

Students will be matched with a physician in one specialty. Students will spend approximately 20 hours per week shadowing the physician. Shadowing will essentially involve following the physician as they go through their daily activities. Students are encouraged to ask questions at appropriate times.

Notes on Dress and Behavior

- **Dress:** Students should dress in “business/business casual” attire. This means khakis, button down shirt for the men. For the women, either a dress slacks or a skirt that goes at least to the knees, and a button-down blouse or nice top. Shoes should be close-toed. Do not wear jeans, flip-flops, open-toe sandals, shorts, low-cut tops, miniskirts, tank tops, camisoles, t-shirts, or any clothing with holes in it. Remove jewelry that pierces anything but the ear.
- **Behavior:** Students should treat this as a professional activity. Please call ahead of time and reschedule if you are sick.

Observation Role

Shadowing is strictly an observational experience. The student shadowing will not be allowed to participate in any clinical care or otherwise obtain hands-on experience. The purpose of the experience is limited to observing a specific healthcare provider’s activities or hospital operations.

ID Badge

Wear your SLU ID badge on the upper body.

Participation Survey

At the end of the shadowing experience you will be asked to complete a short survey regarding your experience. The survey should be returned to tania.delafuente@slu.edu.

Experience Madrid with SLU Madrid

In addition to shadowing experience, students may sign up if they wish for SLU-organized extra-curricular activities throughout the summer, such as:

- a. Walking tours of Madrid, museums visits, tapas night, flamenco shows and Spanish cooking classes.
- b. Guided day trips to Monasterio de Piedra, Toledo, Segovia, El Escorial and Valley of the Fallen.

Selection Criteria and Requirements

1. Application

- Students must have an overall GPA and a math and science GPA of at least 3.2 or higher to be considered; students must also be proficient in Spanish.
- Interested students will complete the online form that can be found at: https://slu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2sChg3dLKLZGdBH.

- Applications are due by Feb 15, 2022.
- Selected students will complete an on-line interview with Dr. Tania de la Fuente to assess their Spanish language proficiency prior to receiving permission to register for this program.
- Final selection of students will be made jointly by Dr. de la Fuente and Staff from the Office of Pre-Health Studies.

2. Age requirement: 18+

3. Hospital Confidentiality Agreements

- The nature of the health care industry requires all employees, volunteers, and students to maintain a high level of confidentiality with respect to all information of medical, or business nature concerning patients, resident, doctors or employees.
- Under no circumstances will such information be discussed with any unauthorized person either outside or inside of the health care facility.
- Students must sign confidentiality agreements.

4. Immunizations

- DTaP (Initial Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis vaccine) & Tdap Booster (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis booster within the last 10 years)
- Hepatitis B
- MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- Varicella

5. Health Insurance

Students in the program will be covered by Sanitas. You can pick up your card during orientation sessions. Once admitted to the course, students will apply through the Study Abroad office (through mySLU and in touch admissions-madrid@slu.edu); 50 euros non-refundable summer session deposit to reserve a spot.

Students must complete this application by March 1, 2021.

6. Housing at Host Family (Optional)

- Option 1: with Kitchen privileges: 1,000 euros (summer 2021 fees).
- Option 2: with half room and board: Rate 1,400 euros (summer 2021 fees).

For information, contact the Health Sciences Program Director, Tania de la Fuente, Ph.D., at tania.delafuente@slu.edu.