



## PHS/HSS STUDY ABROAD IN INDIA WINTER 2012

An experiential learning opportunity for Public Health Studies and Human Service Studies majors and minors.

This course will immerse Public Health and Human Service Studies students in the work of the Comprehensive Rural Health Project (CRHP) in Jamkhed, located in Maharashtra, India. As described on their website, CRHP “(H)as been working among the rural poor and marginalized for over 40 years. By partnering with village communities and expanding upon local knowledge and resources the project aims to effectively meet the immediate and long term needs of these groups, especially women. With values of compassion, justice, respect and trust, CRHP works to empower people, families and communities, regardless of caste, race or religion, through integrated efforts in health and development.” CRHP was one of the first programs to utilize Village Health Workers, women trained in basic health care and community development, a highly successful approach that has been emulated worldwide. Other programs include a mobile health team that travels to villages to provide health care and facilitate development activities, Women’s Development Groups, Farmers’ Clubs for men, and a hospital/outpatient clinic.

We will be staying on the grounds of CRHP in dorm-like accommodations for most of the course (meals are provided at CRHP). Students will receive a thorough orientation to the CRHP approach and will see their work in action in the surrounding villages. We will have faculty-led class meetings, as well as site visits and trainings conducted by CRHP staff. Once oriented, students will work with translators in both the hospital and with the mobile health teams to collect and document health histories from families and individuals. This process will not only help in the provision of care, but also provides information critical to the planning of preventive health services.

Students can earn credit for Public Health Studies practicum or elective, or Human Service Studies practicum or elective credit. You will specify the credit you wish to receive on the application (some readings and assignments will differ).



## **Tentative Schedule:**

Tuesday, January 3: Depart at night from NYC

Thursday, January 5 - Arrive Mumbai and travel to CRHP in Jamkhed, Maharashtra

Friday, January 6 – Thursday, January 12: Orientation to CRHP and rural development

Friday, Jan 13 – Saturday, January 14 - Visit Ellora caves (see: <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/243>)

Sunday, January 15 – Sunday, January 22: Working at CRHP

Monday, January 23- Wednesday, January 25: Travel to Agra, Taj Mahal, Dehli

Wednesday, January 25: Return to US from Delhi (arriving early morning of 1/26 into NYC)



## **Important Dates:**

**September 5:** Deadline to apply. Application must be completed and emailed to Dr. Sullivan ([ksullivan14@elon.edu](mailto:ksullivan14@elon.edu)) by this date.

**September 8:** Deposit deadline for those accepted into program; also last day for deposit refund

**September 16:** Copies of student passports are due to Dr. Sullivan

**Sept. 29:** Full payment deadline (minus deposit)

**Total Cost: \$4000**

**Deposit Amount: \$400**

**The cost of this program includes:**

- Shared accommodations
- Meals while staying at CRHP
- International health insurance
- Cancellation insurance
- Transportation to all course-related activities
- Admission to all scheduled sites, museums, and cultural events
- Faculty and CRHP educators
- Round-trip international airfare from the US departure airport

**The cost of this program does not include:**

- Meals while not at CRHP
- Personal spending money
- Medications/vaccines
- Books
- Optional activities
- Domestic flights to the US international departure airport
- Baggage fees

**Cancellation Policy**

**September 8 - final day to have \$400 deposit refunded**

**Sept. 30-Oct. 14 - 50% refund of program cost\***

**October 15-31 - 25% refund of program cost\***

**As of Nov. 1 - no refund of program cost\***

\*All students are automatically enrolled in a travel insurance policy through iTravel, an outside insurance provider ([www.itravelinsured.com](http://www.itravelinsured.com)). This policy covers students who must cancel their participation due to serious issues of physical health that occur after September 8 to the student on an immediate family member (parent or grandparent). Travel insurance does not insure against changes in mental health. The insurance also does not cover any other changes in circumstances such as disciplinary or academic

status; job, internship, graduate school or theatrical performance opportunities; leadership opportunities on campus; fear; other personal issues. Students who must cancel their participation after September 8 may be able to seek a refund through the travel insurance company.

If airline bookings have already been made by the time of a student's cancellation, some airlines may issue the student a voucher for the value of the ticket less some penalty fee for change in ticketing. These are usually valid for 12 months with the airline issuing the ticket. The airline can provide specific details.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact **Woody Pelton**, Dean of International Programs. We encourage you to address any questions you may have as soon as possible, as a delay in doing so could result in increased charges for which you may be liable.

## **Scholarships**

Need-based scholarships are available for Elon WT programs through the ICIC.

For additional information on scholarships or other funding for study abroad, see the [Funding for Study Abroad webpage](#).

## **For More Information**

Interested students should contact Dr. Kristen Sullivan ([ksullivan14@elon.edu](mailto:ksullivan14@elon.edu)), Assistant Professor of Human Service Studies and Coordinator of Public Health Studies, for more information and/or to receive the application.

"When I started, I had no support from anyone, no education, no money. I was like a stone with no soul. When I came here they gave me shape, life. I learned courage and boldness. I became a human being."  
~Sathe, CRHP Village health worker

"At Jamkhed, the Aroles nurtured a process unique in community action in one of the best primary health care projects in the world. It is unique in truly getting people's involvement. They believed that the very poor have a great capacity for change and can effectively take positions of leadership if given a chance and some support... (T)hey are starting with the ultimate truth, which is that the future belongs to the people."

~Dr. Carl E. Taylor, Professor Emeritus at John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health