Sample Learning Objectives for
International Clinical Rotations (ICR)
CEC Subcommittee on International Rotations 2012

For organizational purposes, sample objectives are categorized by the competencies of the PA profession.

Medical Knowledge
- Gain knowledge of common conditions and diseases that are endemic to unique regions outside of the United States.
- Develop an understanding of patient assessment and treatment in an international setting.

Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- Demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate with other health care professionals and in teams.
- Provide age and culturally appropriate patient education.

Patient Care
- Demonstrate cultural sensitivity and understanding of the needs of diverse patient populations.
- Engage in comprehensive care of health conditions one would expect to encounter in an international setting.
- Recognize alternative, complimentary, and indigenous therapies that may be incorporated into patient care.

Professionalism
- Interact professionally with a culturally diverse medical team.
- Dress in a professional manner, appropriate to the specific country and region.
- Demonstrate the ability to learn and prepare for clinical learning in an international setting.

Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
- Apply cost efficient use of resources when caring for patients in resource-limited or resource-controlled settings.
- Appreciate the benefits and challenges of providing health care in a global community.

Systems-Based Practice
- Understand how culture, religion, economics and law affect the delivery of health care in an international setting.
- Identify governmental and private efforts to promote health and health care in the host country and local community.