

Elective Students

HOPE Cape Town, together with KIDCRU offers a 4 week elective program for international medical students. This elective aims to expose students to the practice and challenges of managing paediatric infectious diseases within Cape Town – and the research and initiatives that seek to improve their management. Students will also gain insight into the NGOs and research units.

HOPE Cape Town- KIDCRU Medical Elective Student Programme

HOPE Cape Town has been running a combined clinical and research elective for international medical students since 2008. This elective is run in partnership with KIDCRU (Children's Infectious Diseases Clinical Research Unit) and the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Stellenbosch.

The students spend two weeks with HOPE Cape Town and two weeks with KIDCRU (total elective of 4 weeks).

A maximum of 2 students can be accepted at any one time. The two weeks spent with HOPE Cape Town include:

- Learning about HIV in South Africa, anti-retrovirals (ARVs) and the management of HIV positive patients
- Exposure to the operation of an independent NGO
- Attending Paediatric HIV Clinics with the HOPE Cape Town Doctor – experiencing the difference between primary and tertiary level care
- Spending time with a HOPE Community Health Worker (HCHW) at a community clinic
- Helping the hospital HCHWs with their work in the Tygerberg Hospital wards
- Visiting poor communities and seeing grassroots projects
- Going on a farm round in a mobile clinic (when available)



The two weeks spent with KIDCRU will offer a detailed introduction to the management, administration and finances of a major research unit. The students will also learn about the challenges faced in maintaining a research unit and the need to provide appropriate services to the public in accessing primary and tertiary health care systems.

For more information about KIDCRU, please visit their website; www.kidcru.org.za

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