

KUMASI, GHANA

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Program: Global Public Health in Ghana, Summer 2017

Major: Biology

Earning the Research Experience Badge:



As the main purpose of this trip was research, I definitely gained valuable research experience. I was involved in the whole research process; I helped develop questions, revised questions, collected data, analyzed part of the data, and am currently in the process of getting this data published. I have not done research before, so

this was a great experience to find out what works and what doesn't in the field. Now that I have gone on this trip, I will definitely be more prepared for future projects and am interested in projects in the area.

Earning the Community Engagement Badge:



I was engaging in the community everyday as I went from house to house asking community members about the current health situation in their community. In addition, most afternoons/evenings I would go out into different areas and explore the city of Kumasi, learning about the culture and the people of the Ashanti region.

Lastly, while in Ghana, I made an effort to embrace the culture by doing my best to learn the local language, Twi. By the end of the trip, I knew over 25 phrases in Twi!

Transferable Skills:



I gained a lot of research experience while in Ghana, and will use this helpful knowledge in future projects. For example, by asking many different survey questions, I learned which questions were easily understood and which were not. This will help in future surveys that I conduct because I will use this knowledge to write questions that are easily understood. I will also use what I learned about the

current health situation in Ghana in my future careers when trying to figure out ways to improve healthcare in rural regions. One cannot hope to solve the problems at hand if he/she doesn't completely understand the problems that exist.



“My global health trip to Ghana made me realize the difficult-to-solve, fundamental issues in many developing countries' healthcare systems. It also introduced me to many people that are very devoted to solving these issues that I am so passionate about. Only together can we change the world!”