



Medical Project



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📍 Sri Lanka - Kandy

By joining the medical project in Kandy, Sri Lanka, you will be able to observe the patients at one of the oldest and the largest hospitals in Kandy!

You will also be visiting the highlands of Sri Lanka famous for its tea plantations. Work at a Sri Lankan Hospital, learn the medical system, medical techniques and procedures by observing alongside vastly experienced and knowledged hospital staff in one of the biggest hospitals in Kandy.

Culture

Learning

Leisure

Community Engagement

Physical Demand



Program Description

After your introduction week, you will be observing patients alongside a doctor or a nurse at one of the oldest and largest hospitals in Kandy, Sri Lanka.

The fall of the Kandyan Kingdom in 1815, led to the establishment of Western (English) Medicine and initiation of Hospitals throughout the Island. Dr. John Davy was an army surgeon and physician to Governor Sir Robert Brownrigg from 1817 to 1819. He came to Kandy with the British Troops and lived next to Diyawadana Nilame resident in Malabar Street. (At present it is named as Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha). A Military Hospital was built in a renovated existing building and was located at the site of the present "Kandyan Art Association". Later it served both military and civilians, especially for Cholera and Smallpox.

After 1821, Indian labourers came to Sri Lanka for coffee and later tea enterprises. Civil hospitals were needed due to poor nutrition, Cholera and Malaria. Once the civil medical department was separated from the military service, Colonial Surgeons were appointed to Central Province. This medical Board appointed vaccination officers who were responsible for vaccinating the public against Smallpox. In 1861 there was an infectious disease hospital in Deyyannewela (the Smallpox Hospital). This pauper hospital was later expanded to become the General Hospital Kandy. One of the very first buildings of the Kandy Hospital was the Cholera ward in 1866.

Teaching Hospital Kandy with strong links to the University of Peradeniya, conducts undergraduate training programmes for the university students studying at the Medicine and Post Graduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM) which is a national institute attached to the University of Colombo. PGIM appoints post-graduate trainees, registrars and senior registrars to this hospital on a regular basis as this is one of the oldest hospitals which provides the entire range of medical and surgical specialities under the administration of a single institution. Teaching Hospital Kandy is a training centre for student nurses who are coming from the Nurses Training School in the Hospital. It also provides teaching facilities for foreign students who seek exposure on Tropical Diseases. This hospital has over 2200 beds.

By joining this project, your main task would be to observe or monitor the patients, treatments, techniques, etc. alongside the local staff working at the hospital.

Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks): 1

Aims & Objectives

The project aims to give understanding and learning for participants interested in the field of medicine and get exposed to various methods of treating patients in need.

Schedule

Monday to Friday

The program functions from Monday to Friday and the normal hours at the hospital will be from 08.00 to 13.30. Working hours can be changed according to the medical department's requirement.

This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

Starting Dates

During 2019

This program starts every week.

During 2020

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Minimum age:	18
Maximum age:	-
Minimum English level:	Basic
CRB required:	On Signup
Passport copy required:	On Signup
Resume copy required:	On Signup
Required qualification:	Yes

Additional Requirements

For this placement, it is a must that participants are Medical Students. You should get a prior confirmation from us 04 weeks before your arrival. You should email the following documents 04 weeks prior to your arrival.

- Detailed CV
- Certification letter from the University stating that you follow a medical degree.
- A letter from you (addressed to the Kandy General Hospital) requesting the hospital to grant permission for you to take part in the medical project.
- Participants above the age of 65 should have medical clearance.

Additional Equipment

A complete uniform set and a stethoscope should be brought with you.