

Serving the World One Adventure at a Time!



International Service Learning Field Clinic and Pediatric Dental Program

These separate programs enable pre-dental and dental students to experience field dental care and pediatric dentistry in underserved communities. The battle to improve oral health worldwide begins here - join us!

Teams Available to

Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Panama

View schedule of dental teams at www.ISLonline.org

ISL sets the international standard by combining:

- Collaboration with in-country dental schools
 - ADEA student guidelines compatibility
 - “Best Practices” international standards

Teams usually consist of 12-16 students and are led by professional dental staff.

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“My trip with ISL was nothing like I have ever experienced. It was such a rewarding and valuable experience for me. It solidified why I want to pursue a career in dentistry. I am so thankful for this opportunity and for the people I was privileged to meet.”

Thomas C. - University of Alabama



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"This trip was a life-changing experience. Not only was my team incredible, but I gained invaluable dental skills and knowledge. I got to experience the culture of Nicaragua and care for those who would never be able to afford dental care on their own. I believe that I got so much more out of it than I could ever put in. It was an opportunity of a lifetime and I would highly recommend it to anyone interested in the healthcare field."

Stephanie L. - North Carolina State University



Both the Field Clinic and Pediatric Programs are designed in collaboration with, and regularly reviewed by, in-country dental schools. Students are at all times under the direct supervision of a licensed dental professional. Patients' rights, including both their right to treatment and their right to refuse treatment, are respected at all times. Patients are advised that students will be assisting under the supervision of a qualified in-country dentist.

Program Descriptions

ISL's Pediatric Dental Program focuses on Levels I and II below and is designed with the pre-dental, dental hygienist, or pre-health student in mind. Higher levels of involvement by pre-dental students will depend on each student's qualifications as judged by ISL's supervising dentist. Training protocols are certified by in-country dental schools for students desiring to provide basic prophylaxis consistent with dental care for those under 18 years of age. *ADEA Guidelines for International Pre-dental Experiences* are applied in collaboration with in-country dental school supervisors.

ISL's Field Clinical Dental Program is designed with the dental school student in mind. In addition to the protocol training above, these students may actively participate in team activities at any level described below, depending on the policy of their respective schools. It is the dental student's responsibility to inform ISL and its field dental supervisors of those policies. If a pre-dent serves in this program, they can, at a minimum, participate as observers in all activities, but will be utilized at Levels I and II.

Summary of ISL Field Services

LEVEL I - Oral Health Survey and Education Service Activities are open to all team participants upon completion of preparatory seminars provided. These activities include: oral care education in collaboration with local institutions (schools, churches, etc.), house to house visits for dental materials distribution and education, school oral health presentations, patient intake and interview, observation of clinical procedures, and maintaining and managing dental support equipment, inventories, and supplies.

LEVEL II - Oral Health Preventative Service - Team members with appropriate training, as determined by the standards of the in-country dental educational community, may assist, under supervision, in various aspects of dental prophylaxis (fluoridation, manual cleanings, etc.). Independent activity in this area may be approved with pre-training and meeting in-country standards.

LEVEL III - Clinical Dental Service/Assisting - Team members with appropriate training, as determined by the standards of the in-country dental education community, may assist, under supervision, in various aspects of clinical work including, but not limited to, restoration, extraction, and other clinical procedures. This clinical experience is intended primarily for dental school students or others with appropriate dental experience and training that meets the standards of in-country dental schools.

Preparatory Seminars may include, but are not limited to: Issues and ethics in international dental care • Comparison of the dental care systems in various countries • Overview of common oral diseases, Basic oral anatomy, etc.

Recreational Activities may include, depending on the country chosen for service: beach-time, volcano tours, zip lining, shopping, exploring Mayan ruins, hiking, wildlife viewing, river tours, snorkeling, horseback riding, cultural activities.

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