Global Health Practicum
Rwanda (June 24-July 8, 2017)

Overview
Are you passionate about global health in general and infection prevention and control (IPC) in particular? And would you like to gain first-hand experience with hospital hygiene and healthcare waste management in resource-limited settings in an African country?

This Global Health Practicum enables you to explore concepts and programs in IPC and gain practical experience in supporting local IPC systems at hospital and health center level. You will help to analyze progress towards achieving IPC standards and work with IPC committees to develop relevant action plans.

Co-hosted by GEI and the Center for Global Health at the UCSF School of Nursing, this 2-week service-learning program is available to students in Nursing, Public Health and related subjects. Nonclinical academic credits are available towards UCSF’s global health minor.

Highlights
• Explore concepts and programs in IPC in resource-limited settings.
• Support local IPC systems and work hand in hand with IPC committees.
• Gain invaluable intercultural competence relevant to your field of study.
• Obtain nonclinical academic credits.
• Explore Rwanda, one of the greatest success stories in the developing world today, and immerse yourself in the rich culture of your hosts.
• Create once-in-a-lifetime memories, and build lasting friendships and networks with fellow students and Rwandan hosts.

AT A GLANCE
Location:
Kigali and other locations in Rwanda

Sponsor Institutions:
GEI, UCSF School of Nursing Center for Global Health

Program Leader:
Prof. Mary Foley, PhD, RN, FAAN

Curriculum:
Hospital Hygiene & Healthcare Waste Management

Academic Credit:
Credits towards global health minor

Dates:
June 24-July 8, 2017

Fees:
$2,480 per person, not including the international transport

www.global-engagement.org/study/rwanda/global-health-practicum
**Why choose this program?**

**Today’s Rwanda** is a country that has emerged from extensive cultural and political conflict to become one of the most significant development success stories in Africa. Also known as the ‘Land of a Thousand Hills’ for its immense natural beauty, it is widely praised for its achievements in reconciliation and nation building.

Public awareness of the need for efficient IPC programs in all healthcare settings has increased due to outbreaks of life-threatening infectious diseases such as Ebola. Less attention, however, is given to the fact that a puzzling one in ten patients globally suffers from a hospital-acquired infection, a third of which are deemed preventable.

**Rwanda’s health system** has seen a lot of progress in recent years. This applies across the board - and also specifically when it comes to preventing and controlling hospital-acquired infections. Most district hospitals now have IPC committees in place and follow IPC protocols. However, institutions continue to struggle to maintain and apply some of these protocols due to a lack of resources and especially capacity.

The Global Health Practicum enables participants to explore this highly relevant topic from a Rwandan perspective. The faculty leader is **Dr. Mary Foley**, a renowned UCSF nursing professor and past president of the American Nurses Association (ANA). She first visited Rwanda in 2011 and later started to lead IPC capacity development delegations to the country in 2014.

> “I have a special affection for the nurses in Africa and look forward to future opportunities to learn from nurses and health leaders in their respective countries. Together, we will improve healthcare for all!”
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> *Prof. Mary Foley, UCSF School of Nursing*

**What’s included? What isn’t?**

**Included:** Arrival day airport meet and greet, housing in simple guesthouses, transportation for all program activities, all lunches and selected dinners, on-site orientation and training, program-related activity and entrance fees, safari game drives in Akagera NP, and full-time on-site coordination and support.

**Not included:** Transportation to/from the destination airport (including international airfare and taxes), insurance, visas, immunizations, selected dinners, items and services of a personal nature, and other discretionary expenses.