

International Clinical Internships in the Philippines

General Info about the ICDR-Philippines Group

ICDR Philippines works within the framework of human rights. Partnering with various groups in the Philippines in the areas of service delivery and advocacy/education, the group also envisions participating in research activities. While most members of the working group are Toronto-based Filipino professionals, ICDR Philippines also has members based outside of Canada, including the Co-Chair who is a lawyer with a disability and working for the Philippine Senate. The group's main fundraising activity is the annual Lecture Day that draws hundreds of attendees per year. The ICDR-Philippines motto is: "Working together to accomplish more."

General Info about the Placement

The *Kapansan ay Akibat sa Kaunlaran ng Bayan** KAAKBAY Rehabilitation Centre is a non-stock, non-profit organization that was formed by physical therapists in 2000. Located in the heart Davao City, the Centre is based in a subdivision accessible to public transportation (or *jeepneys*, in the Philippines) and offers various rehabilitation services, including physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and special education.

* translated as "disability is a partner towards nation-building"

Population

While various patient populations are being seen at the KAAKBAY Centre, most of the patients have neurologic disorders such as stroke and cerebral palsy. The majority of the population has lower income levels and resources are very much limited for them.

Type of Practice

The KAAKBAY Centre is a community-based rehabilitation centre.

Cost (Including Accommodations, \$US)

Students are responsible for all costs of this placement. Flights are \$1300-\$2500, depending on the season. Housing (condominium rental) is between \$500-\$600/month. Food is approximately \$10/meal.

Supervision

All professionals (PT, OT, Special Education) are registered to practice in the Philippines.

Typical Day

Work at KAAKBAY Centre starts at 8pm and ends at 4pm, Monday through Friday. Similar to any clinical setting, students and preceptor alike review the number of patients to be seen on that day. This is an opportune time to discuss issues related to patient care and the early identification for more opportunities or improvement in learning. Aside from the PT/OT sessions, parallel special education classes also happen Monday to Friday. The afternoon is

usually devoted to visiting clients in the community (non-ambulatory patients) The KAAKBAY Rehabilitation Centre is not open during the weekend.

Disclaimers/Precautions (If Any)

- Students with allergies or dietary restrictions should ensure they will have appropriate food choices while in the Philippines

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