The UCLA School of Nursing offers 2nd year MECN and APRN students the opportunity for International public health experiences to Mexico (September) and Cuba (December). The programs are designed to encourage graduate students to learn of the various health systems, and to become involved globally as universal health messengers. Students accepted for the travel will be responsible for the cost for each program (Some SMALL stipends may be available –based on financial needs & work on projects during & post travel)

**OAXACA, MEXICO PROGRAM**

- Program Target Dates: 9/16-9/23/18
- Spanish lessons
- Homestay with families; includes 2 meals per day
- Lessons on the Health System in Mexico
- Visits to hospital, public health clinics, rural community
- Exchanges with physicians, nurses, nursing students
- Cultural immersion/city tour

**Havana, Cuba Program**

- Program Target Dates: 12/16-12/23/18
- Hotel (shared room)-economy type; 2 meals per day
- Group bus/private transportation -Bilingual guide
- Visits to medical/nursing school, clinics, senior care home, maternity home, others
- Exchanges with nursing faculty and students
- Cultural immersion/city tour

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**ESTIMATED STUDENT EXPENSES = $2200-$2400**

Deposit due APPROXIMATELY 2 months prior to program start; full cost due 1.5 months prior to program start; full cost due 2 months prior to program start; full cost due 3 months prior to program start; full cost due 2 months prior to program start

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**APPLICATION DUE DATE: June 28, 2018, by 11:55pm**

- Application, cover page, 2 page Essay and Faculty Recommendation Form from SON faculty
- Applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of program faculty, student affairs, others

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Full-time 2nd year MECN or APN students in the School of Nursing (SON)
  - Must be in good academic standing with UCLA & SON
  - Faculty Recommendation Form from SON faculty (not clinical liaison, not Teaching Assistants)
- Citizen or resident of US, valid, current passport (passport must be in force for at least 6 months post travel)
- Flexibility, mature & motivated team player, welcomes diversity, seeks global health leadership experience, cultural empathy…
- Beginning fluency in Spanish not necessary, but of benefit

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