

SUMMER UPDATE 2022

THE ATLANTIS PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL HEALTHCARE
STUDENT OBSERVATION PROGRAMS

Summary of 2022 Summer Programs:

This summer, Atlantis partnered with the Sestre Milosrdnice University Hospital, to run educational healthcare observation programs for American pre-medical and pre-health students. Programs took place in 2 hospital in 2 Croatian cities. During the course of the summer, 50+ American students came to Croatia and spent collectively over 3,000 hours shadowing doctors in Croatian hospitals. These students came from over 40 different American Universities and created connections with Croatian healthcare and medical professionals and with each other.

We are delighted and truly honored for the participation and collaboration this summer with the Atlantis Program. Your participation has aided in the lives of young people while they start their journey pursuing a career in healthcare. As you are well aware, these students are planning on entering an incredibly dynamic field where they can address some of the world's most pressing challenges. This is certainly an inspiring time for global health around the world.



2 CITIES
2 HOSPITALS

Šibenik: Gneral Hospital Šibenik
Zagreb: Sestre Milosrdnice University Hospital

50+
STUDENTS

Students from over 40 U.S. Universities attended this Summer's programs

20+
HOST DOCTORS

Participating doctors from 8+ departments in our two partner hospitals

3,000+
OBSERVATION HOURS

Students spent 20 hours per week in various department, rotating through specialties each week.

A FEW ATLANTIS INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS:



16 YEARS
EXPERIENCE

16+ COUNTRIES
100+ HOSPITALS

300+
U.S. UNIVERSITIES

2000+
HOST DOCTORS

Recognized by America's leading healthcare and study abroad institutions

Atlantis is recognized by the leading healthcare and study abroad institutions in the U.S., including contributing to the Forum on Education Abroad and being committed to the AAMC's ethical guidelines for shadowing.

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Thank you! Hvala!

Host healthcare systems, hospitals, and doctors like you are at the core of all of our international student programs. We greatly appreciate your hosting of our American pre-medicine students and allowing them to observe Croatian healthcare professionals in their clinical practice. The reviews submitted by our students regarding their experiences in our Croatian partner hospitals were excellent and learning outcomes were exceptional.

Our Atlantis Students greatly enjoyed their time and learning in Croatia thanks to its institutions! Thank you for welcoming them and for working toward a more interconnected global healthcare community.

The mission of Atlantis is to work with the best hospitals and make medicine personal, by equipping the next generation of global medical leaders to pursue their vocational callings passionately. We strive to have every program reflect a deep concern for ethical solidity, educational value, and innovative thinking while connecting students, hospitals, healthcare professionals, and public healthcare administrators around a common cause of improving healthcare training and education.

With this, it is always a pleasure to be able to work with the different departments and Medical Staff who have gracefully shared their passion and knowledge of their chosen medical field. The students from all of the Atlantis Programs this summer, have expressed great gratitude for the opportunities offered to them and showed interest in being able to maintain relations with the professional with whom they have come into contact with while observing.

The reviews submitted by our students regarding their experiences in the **Sestre Milosrdnice University Hospital** were excellent and the learning outcomes were exceptional.

The majority of students who went on their program defined their experience in Croatia as "life-changing" and all left having learned about a new culture and healthcare system.

Atlantis Students had an amazing year and we extend great thanks to the Sestre Milosrdnice University Hospital and all of the host doctors for their hospitality and the large part that they played in making this year's Atlantis Croatia programs a success.

Collaborating Departments in Croatia for Summer 2022:

- Pediatrics
- Cardiology
- Neurology
- General Surgery
- Radiology
- Emergency Care
- OBG
- Orthopedics
- Surgery
- Internal Medicine
- Dermatology



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Partnership Benefits:

Thanks to the involvement of our 2 Croatian hospital partners, and the dozens of Croatian healthcare professionals who hosted student observers this summer, the fourth year of the Atlantis & Croatian Hospital collaboration received feedback of over 90% satisfaction and has resulted in strengthened connections between future U.S. future healthcare professionals and Croatian healthcare professionals

Collaborating Departments at the Sestre Milosrdnice University Hospital:

- Pediatrics
- Cardiology
- Neurology
- General Surgery

Student Quotes:

"It was so influential and I enjoyed every minute of it. It really made it clear that this is what I am meant to do."

Maizah Rashid, Sestre Milosrdnice University Hospital, Atlantis Student

"It was amazing to be in the operating rooms and be so up close and personal with all the staff and patients."

Knowlton Beck, Sestre Milosrdnice University Hospital, Atlantis Student

"It was nice being able to watch procedures and having the doctors explain the procedures. Shadowing in Croatia provided me a new perspective with respect to the hospitality aspect. For that, I am forever grateful."

Christina Williams, Sestre Milosrdnice University Hospital, Atlantis Student

"It gave the opportunity to travel abroad and compare health care systems in Europe to health care systems in Canada and the United States, which was an amazing thing to experience."

Brynn Swanson, Sestre Milosrdnice University Hospital, Atlantis Student

"I enjoyed the shadowing program and learned so much about surgeries. I went into the program thinking I would never want to do surgery, and left rethinking that statement. Not only was I allowed to be scrubbed into the OR, I was able to learn about surgeries and medical complications in a variety of departments."

Savannah Cell, Sestre Milosrdnice University Hospital, Atlantis Student



SUMMER PROGRAMS: MAY - AUGUST

During the summer the Atlantis Project organizes Fellowships of 2-6 weeks in length. Students spend each week in a different department to get an idea of how different areas of the hospital work. Our host hospitals typically host 3-5 groups of students throughout the summer period.

WINTER PROGRAMS: DECEMBER - JANUARY

During the winter Atlantis organizes Fellowship programs of 1-4 weeks in length over the U.S. University system's Christmas Holidays. Our host hospitals typically host 1-2 groups over this period

PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

The Atlantis is growing quickly and hopes to expand into new areas of medical partnership beyond pre-medical student observation.

We hope that our partnership with the Croatian Hospitals will be mutually beneficial and we hope to expand partnership into other areas of connection between medical professionals.

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Moving Forward:

Atlantis operates observation programs in over 10 countries. Partnerships exist with the majority of Spain's Regional Ministries of Health, Portugal's largest hospital networks, and a number of public and private hospitals in Croatia, Greece, Germany, Ecuador, Uruguay, Hungary, and Lithuania - among other countries.

Atlantis looks forward to expanding its work in Croatia through new partnership locations in Croatian hospitals. Our goal is to continue to facilitate deeper connections between future American healthcare professionals and the Croatian healthcare system through relationship building and exchange.

2022 PARTNERSHIP GOALS:

500+ American Student Observers

With first year growth of zero to 50+ students, this year's partnership was highly successful. Next year with increased exposure, positive student reviews, and experienced local staff, we are confident that we can grow our partnership in Croatia to be double what it currently is.

New hospital observation sites

In order to achieve the goal of 500+ American medical students completing observation rotations in Croatia, we would like to begin working in new Croatian hospital sites. We expect that we will need at least 2-3 new host hospitals in Croatia in order to achieve this goal.

Greater media exposure for the Atlantis & Croatian Hospital partnerships

This year there were a few of local Croatian publications about the Atlantis Program in local hospitals. Next year we would like to be more proactive about having local news stations cover the program and partnership between the Croatian Hospitals and the Atlantis. We had a professional photographer visit some of the programs this Summer and would like to have a photographer and videographer visit more sites next year to help us increase awareness.

Increased exposure for Croatian medical schools

A number of our students were very interested in opportunities to study at medical school in one of Croatia's English medical school programs. Next year we would like to offer more official tours and promotional materials to students about these options.

4 DAYS PER WEEK

Students shadow 4 days per week for approximately 20+ hours per week. Typically a shadowing day is from roughly 8am - 2pm depending on the hospital.

LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL STAFF

Our dedicated team in Washington, D.C. and on-site teams manage fully all student logistics. All students are insured and our staff manages all housing, meals, cultural activities, safety, etc. for students during their time in the host country.

STRICTLY OBSERVATION

Because of strict U.S. medical regulations, our students are not permitted to do any clinical work. They are simply shadowing and observing doctors throughout their daily activities.

HOST DEPARTMENT

We place 2 students per department in our host hospitals and simply ask that each department identify at least 1-2 doctors willing to allow students to shadow their activities from roughly 8am-2pm daily.

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A BIG THANK YOU TO THE NATION'S PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS

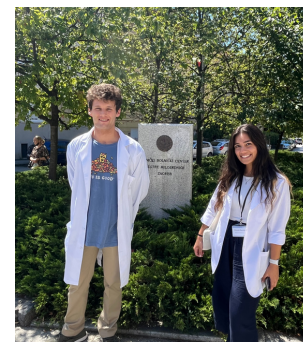
From all of us at Atlantis, we would like to thank you for the work that has been done and is ongoing to provide treatment and care to everyone who has been impacted by COVID-19. Hospitals are key partners with the government as the world works towards ensuring that the response to COVID-19 is supported.

The past two years have certainly been the most challenging period we have ever faced in many decades. This novel virus has affected communities across the country, leaving no one untouched. We have had to radically change the way we work, in constantly changing circumstances under intense scrutiny and pressure.

We want to thank the public health system, for your professionalism, hard work and dedication to the communities you serve. Your commitment to solving some of the most difficult challenges we have ever known is inspirational.

Your continued collaboration with Atlantis has greatly impacted many students on their path to medicine as they have had to opportunity to learn while observing in your hospital this summer while getting a better sense of the public health system in Croatia.

In time the pressures of COVID-19 will ease, and we will all look back at this period with humility but also with a deep sense of our commitment to the public's health as well as our commitment to encourage and support young people in joining the medical field. Thank you again for everything you have done.



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