



AWHONN Perinatal Education Xchange: Advancing Care Abroad Through Shared Experiences

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What is covered in the program fee?** The program fee covers lodging, customized programming with field clinic experience, ground transportation in the host country to/from scheduled group activities, some meals in the host country, safe drinking water, program staff support 24/7, interpretation services, educational seminars, and scheduled cultural and recreational activities for the group. Airfare, fees associated with renewing/processing passports, and mobile phone data fees are not covered by the program fee.
- 2. Do I need to know the language of the host country before applying to be part of the volunteer delegation?** No. Our partner programs in the host country will provide materials in English and interpreters on site. However, we highly recommend that volunteers spend some time prior to their departure learning culturally appropriate phrases and greetings such as “hello” and “thank you” in the native language of the country being visited.
- 3. Does the program provide a list of required documents prior to traveling?** Yes, AWHONN staff and the partner program will provide all volunteers with travel information, including information on any documentation one should prepare and pack prior to traveling.
- 4. Will AWHONN and/or the partnering organizations provide travel insurance for the delegation?** No.
- 5. Will I get to meet other AWHONN members who will be part of the delegation before departure?** A virtual meeting will be scheduled prior to departure with all individuals who will be part of the volunteer delegation. This will provide an opportunity for individuals to connect with one another before traveling together.
- 6. Can I participate in the program and volunteer as part of my family's vacation trip?** AWHONN staff have worked with partnering organizations to develop a custom curriculum and itinerary with nurses in mind. We ask that all individuals who apply and participate in this program commit to being part of all scheduled activities, which include educational seminars and site visits to clinics, hospitals and/or community organizations to provide compassionate care to women and newborns. Program fees will not cover expenses and activities for relatives or other travel companions who are not officially part of AWHONN's delegation.
- 7. Where will I be staying while in the host country?** AWHONN's partnering organizations work with local businesses to secure housing and rooms for our delegation. Rooms will include beds, running water, and air conditioning. Staff will provide more information about lodging for each trip.
- 8. Can I bring donations?** If interested in collecting donations to bring on the trip, please email apex@awhonn.org to discuss this further. Also, please note that AWHONN's Every Woman, Every Baby initiative collects donations year-round to support lifelong learning for nurses, research that leads to improving nursing practice and patient care, and education and activities that provide



information and resources for women and their families. More information is available at <https://www.awhonn.org/about-us/donate/>.

9. **Is there a waitlist for volunteers to be a part of a delegation?** Yes. Since each delegation is limited in capacity, we will open a waitlist once we've reached capacity for each trip. AWHONN staff will monitor the waitlist and notify individuals of new updates.
10. **I have other questions that are not listed here or anywhere else. Who should I contact?** For additional information, email your question(s) to apex@awhonn.org.