Policy for Study Abroad Health Information

In the pre-acceptance phase, students must sign and/or complete the following documents or questionnaires:

1. **Health Care Concerns (signature document)**
   Currently, all Loyola students who are planning to attend a program abroad are required to sign off on the following statement during the pre-acceptance phase:

   *Please note: The Center for International Education will be happy to discuss health care concerns you may have related to study abroad. Because of the particular challenges, both mental and physical, that integration into a new culture and learning environment place on an individual, if you are currently receiving treatment for any chronic illness, it is strongly recommended that you talk over plans to manage your health condition abroad with a physician, psychologist, or counselor, or with another professional off campus.*

2. **Health Questionnaire**
   Students attending the following Loyola programs will be asked to submit a pre-acceptance or post acceptance health form prior to the program departure date:

   1. Loyola semester exchange programs
   2. Loyola semester study abroad programs
   3. University Ministry Immersion Programs
   4. Loyola summer study abroad programs
   5. Courses with a study abroad component

   Students are asked the following questions:
   1. *Chronic conditions (*) Please describe any chronic conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, depression, bi-polar disorder etc.) that you may suffer from, even if currently controlled by medication*
   2. *Hospitalizations (*) Please give details of any hospitalizations within the past three years*
   3. *Counseling/Treatment (*) If you are currently receiving, or have received in the past three years, counseling for the treatment of any emotional problem, drug addiction, alcoholism, psychiatric condition, or eating disorder, please describe*
   4. *Other health conditions/concerns (*) Please describe any other physical or mental health conditions or concerns you may have*
   5. *Prescriptions (*) Please list any prescription medications you are currently taking: (Be sure to take a sufficient supply of critical, prescription medications to last for the duration of your stay abroad.)*
   6. *Allergies (*) Please list all allergies (including to specific medications)*
   7. *Primary Health Care Provider (*) Please provide name, street address, city, state, zip code, and telephone number.*
   8. *University/College Health Service (*) Please provide name, street address, city, state, zip code, and telephone number.*
   9. *Medical Specialist(s) - if applicable (*) Please provide name, street address, city, state, zip code, and telephone number.*

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3. **Health Information Certification** - Students then electronically sign the following statement:

   *I hereby verify that all of the information contained in the Health Information Questionnaire is accurate. I agree to notify Loyola University New Orleans of any significant changes in my physical/mental health that occur after submitting this form. I authorize the Center for International Education (CIE) at Loyola University New Orleans to send this information to the Program Director or on-site coordinator. I understand that information contained herein will remain confidential unless disclosure is judged by CIE, the Program Director or on-site coordinator to be essential to my well-being. I authorize the release of this information to health care providers abroad in emergency situations, at the discretion of the Program Director or on-site coordinator. I also grant permission to Health Services at my home institution and/or my primary care physician to release my medical history and immunization records upon the request of the Center for International Education should receipt of such information be judged by the Director to be essential to my well-being.*

**Procedure**

After the application deadline, CIE will create a report of students accepted to the program with their responses from the health information questionnaire and forward to Loyola’s Director for Counseling and Health Services. The Director for Counseling and Health Services will review the responses to the Post Acceptance Health Form with CIE to identify students with preexisting mental and physical health conditions that could impact their experience abroad. The Director for Counseling and Health Services will maintain confidentiality with regard to students who have been seen at the University Counseling Center and/or Student Health Services.

CIE will meet with these students individually to discuss how he or she plans to manage his/her health needs and medications while abroad. CIE will work with the student to resolve any issues related to study abroad.

The University Counseling Center staff will review the list of accepted students and where appropriate, talk with those students currently in treatment and planning to study abroad.

1. Create 2 separate reports for Loyola and Non-Loyola Programs (Semester Year Loyola (or non-Loyola) Program – List for Counseling Review) with list of names for each program and the following information
   a. DOB
   b. Gender
   c. Student ID
   d. Email
   e. For non-Loyola programs include the label and have primary and secondary listing by location
2. Health Questionnaire (Program Name 2014 – Health Questionnaire Report) should include answers to all questions on the questionnaire.
3. Send all students following automated email when they commit to the program in StudioAbroad:
Greetings,

I know that you are getting excited about your trip abroad. One important reminder: if you are taking any type of medication, be sure to bring a sufficient supply of medication along for your entire stay abroad and follow your physician's orders to continue taking your medications unless otherwise directed. Keep all prescription medications in the original bottles to facilitate clearance through customs and have a copy of the written prescription with the drug's generic not U.S. brand name.

If you are prescribed any medications which are considered controlled substances, (e.g., Adderall, Vyvanse, Concerta, Xanax, etc.) it is imperative that you verify that these medications can be brought into your host country and that you obtain clearance prior to departing. Prior to your departure, the Center for International Education will be happy to help you find this out or if you are enrolled in the Loyola study abroad insurance, you can contact Assist America, the emergency assistance company providing services to all students studying on Loyola programs, (from within the U.S. 1-877-488-9833 or +1-609-452-8570 from outside the U.S.)

As always, please feel free to call the office at 864-7550 with any questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful experience.

Regards,

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