

Global Partnership

Debre Berhan University (DBU) College of Medicine Anaesthesia Department wants to give an opportunity for anesthesiologists who have the interest to attain short experience of working in Ethiopia as an anaesthesia provider and clinical tutor. This is an opportunity to spend a period of 1-2 months+ in the Department of Anaesthesia in DBU, Ethiopia, assisting with the delivery of anaesthesia education programs and developing the anaesthesia service at Debre Berhan referral hospital and affiliated hospitals.

Anaesthesia in Ethiopia

Anaesthesia in Ethiopia is an emerging speciality that began to show growth almost 45 years ago; Before 1974 anaesthesia services were exclusively covered by foreign providers and was limited mainly to the capital Addis Ababa, plus a few volunteers providing service to other parts of Ethiopia e.g. Gondar, Harar and Jimma. This paved the way for the development of anaesthesia in Ethiopia by demonstrating the need for more anaesthesia providers. After realising the high demand and the crucial role of anaesthesia providers, the Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) and World Health Organization (WHO) launched training to address the demand in the peripheries of Ethiopia. Black Lion Hospital (Tikur Anbessa Hospital) in Addis Ababa, the largest referral hospital in the country, launched a School of Anaesthesia. Currently, the number of anaesthesia schools has scaled to twenty-four including Debre Berhan University anaesthesia school. The scarcity of senior staff and teaching materials remains challenge.

Anaesthesia in DBU

DBU is found in Debre Berhan, approximately 2 hours North of Addis Ababa. The most powerful explanation of the establishment of the university is the government's commitment towards the expansion of the quality higher education as well as ensuring a reasonable distribution of higher education in the country. The Anaesthesia program was launched

in 2015 by 1 Msc & 2 BSc level providers and now, after four years, the number of anaesthesia providers are 10 anaesthetists with 5 senior anaesthetists. The university has graduated its 1st 14 students in 2019 and all of the graduate students have passed the national licensure exam. This demonstrates how the university is vigorously working to meet the country needs of anaesthesia providers via quality education.

What is expected from fellows

Participate in teaching activities according to DBU anaesthesia department requirements

Support improvements in the service of anaesthesia by directly participating in clinical activity and/or teaching clinical teaching

Fellows can have the opportunity to participate in training and QI projects with partner organizations like Network for perioperative and critical care (N4PCC).

These experiences will increase the knowledge, attitude and skill of anesthesiologists for working in low-income countries and this will pave the way to share their knowledge and experiences for improving anaesthetic care in LMICs.

What does Debre Berhan University offer :

- DBU offers accommodation and meals
- DBU will provide a certificate for recognizing their contribution

N.B. The university will not reimburse or cover transport costs (airfare)