



Volunteer Opportunity Burn Care Nurses Providing Training in Latin America and the Caribbean

Physicians for Peace (PFP) is seeking nurses with experience in burn care who are interested in sharing their expertise through training sessions and educational efforts, from basic bedside skills to advanced intensive burn care, to nurses in Central and South America. Training initiatives contribute to the establishment of professional, administrative, and educational frameworks as needed at local hospitals and clinics.

Training topics include Primary Survey/ Emergency Room Assessment, Critical Care, Surgical Plans, Wound Care and Dressings, and Outpatient Management of Burn Therapy, among others. The training is developed taking into consideration the needs of the region (Latin American and the Caribbean PFP partners) and is aligned with the American Burn Association Burn Nurse Competencies.

Trained nurses leave the program with, among others, the knowledge to stabilize a patient in the emergent phase, to assess wound status and provide burn wound care, preserve the integrity of post-operative surgical wounds, and follow up the management during the outpatient phase.

Severe Burns—Life-Changing Injuries With Unequal Impact

Burn injuries disproportionately affect people living in low-income communities, and require specialized care that is unavailable in many under-resourced areas of the world.

Through its Burn Care Program, PFP provides education, mentoring and leadership opportunities to healthcare professionals working in communities where gaps in skill and proficiency exist.

Volunteers (or as we call them PFP International Medical Educators – IMEs) provide training and mentorship to an array of health providers who care for patients with burn injuries at different stages of their recovery. By doing so, they directly contribute to greater access to quality healthcare for these underserved and vulnerable populations.

Training Objectives:

- Enhance knowledge of in-country and invited clinicians and healthcare professionals
- Assess staff knowledge through observation
- Assess effectiveness of lectures
- Train in-country staff on list of requested hands-on skills
- Assess staff competencies –Pre-training evaluation/ clinical observation
- Assess effectiveness of training –Post-training evaluation/ clinical observation
- Continue relationship with trainees:
 - Utilize Zoom webinar platform to provide remote training and enhance local leadership;
 - Discuss and implement train-the-trainer data collection tool to record data on replication of PFP trainings;
 - Discuss continued empowerment and support of trained burn care staff to teach new nurses on staff as well as others in region.



All potential volunteers will be added to our volunteer database and will be contacted as training needs arise.

Location: Varies.

Dates: Vary

For more information, please contact Bibiana Gama at bgama@physiciansforpeace.org or call 757.943.9625.

If you are interested in this volunteer position, please return to "Volunteer Opportunities" page to fill out the interest form. Thanks!