

## Student Rotation Information

Rotation Site: Calcutta Mercy Hospital, India  
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Website: [www.momhospital.org](http://www.momhospital.org)

**In case of emergency – phone numbers are listed below:**

**Ambulance: 102**

**Police: 100**

**U.S. Embassy (Ask for American Citizen Services):**

**Within India: 011-2419-8000**

**Within U.S.: 011-91-11-2419-8000**

**Contact Information:**

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Mercy Healthcare  
125/1, Park Street, Kolkata 17  
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**General Information:**

This rotation is at Calcutta Mercy Hospital located in Kolkata, India. The language of this area is English and Bengali. They will accept 4<sup>th</sup> year clinical students serving a four to eight week rotation.

Calcutta Mercy Hospital is a health care and medical research institution in downtown Kolkata, India. It is a full general hospital with 173 beds and 30 multi-specialty departments including orthopedics, general surgery, heart services, medicine, neonatology, obstetrics and gynecology. It also offers a Cardiac Care Unit, an Intensive Care Unit, Dialysis Unit, Emergency Room, Pediatrics, a Blood Bank and Diagnostic Center. Hospital treatment extends beyond Calcutta in 15 rural medical clinics that are serviced through this hospital.

**ESTIMATED Cost:** While we try to update this information frequently with the latest information, there may be additional costs added at any time that DMU global health dept. may not be aware of:

- **Airfare:** approximately \$1,200 roundtrip
- **Administrative fees:** \$50
- **Housing / Food / Transportation =** \$35 per day

### **Application Process:**

There is no application process; however, Pastor Bari will require a letter of good standing from the student's clinical program.

### **Airfare and travel:**

Direct international flights do arrive in Kolkata – Lufthansa and Qatar airlines are a few examples. Many travelers arrive in Kolkata aboard a local airline via an alternate major city within India (such as New Delhi or Mumbai). Once travel arrangements are made, please notify Pastor Bari of your flight itinerary.

Once you have collected all of your luggage, please proceed out of the terminal and a hospital representative holding a sign with your name will be waiting to receive you. Pastor Bari will send you the driver's name and phone number once your application is approved.

### **Transportation:**

Taxis are the most common method of transportation. Catching a cab is never a problem in Kolkata. Travel by subway is also a good way to get around. Kolkata's streets are traversed by a number of different vehicles. Street cars (trams) make their way through the city streets and are often under crowded. Auto-rickshaws and rickshaws are plentiful. It should be noted that municipal laws do restrict rickshaws from entering certain parts of the city, so be sure to ask if your rickshaw is able to reach your intended destination.

If needed, the hospital is willing to provide a car and a driver based on availability at the time of the request at a reasonable cost.

### **Documents needed for travel:**

A "Tourist Visa with a duration of 6 months multiple Entry" is your best option for a visa which is required to enter and remain in the country for less than 90 days. Go through Travia Outsourcing" at <https://indiavisa.traviaoutsourcing.com/homepage>

The visa application will ask you for a reference in India. You can use the following information:

Pastor Philip Bari  
125/1 Park Street  
Kolkata 700017

You will be required to fill out the forms, send them with your passport and they will send everything back to you in a reasonable amount of time. Visa applications should be completed well in advance of your expected date of arrival. Make sure your passport has at least 6 months of validity from the date of your departure from India.

### **Accommodations/Housing:**

For accommodation – please contact:

Aruna Khan  
Baptist Missionary Society  
44 A.J.C. Bose Road,  
Kolkata – 700 017  
India  
2217 6795  
2226 9378  
Email; [baptistcal@gmail.com](mailto:baptistcal@gmail.com)  
Web: <https://bmskolkata.org/>

Accommodations include:

- Single/double occupancy rooms
- Hot water & air conditioning
- Wireless internet
- 24 hour security
- Laundry facilities (extra cost)
- Dining room & lounge
- Volunteer Coordinator to assist in daily activities
- Assistance with transportation in and around Kolkata

### **Food:**

Breakfast will be provided with your housing accommodation. Other meals will be on your own. Keep in mind that the hospital does not have a cafeteria. Kolkata offers a number of familiar and exotic food experiences. There are a number of great sit-down restaurants all within minutes of the hospital. Since the hospital is located right in the heart of Kolkata, a number of shops, attractions, and restaurants are all located within walking distance. Plan on \$5.00 - \$10.00 per day for food.

### **Dress Code:**

Calcutta Mercy Hospital is a professional working environment. Guests of the hospital are expected to maintain appropriate office attire. For men, this includes dress pants, dress shirts,

ties and dress shoes. For women, this includes blouses, skirts, dresses or dress pants. Scrubs are also allowed.

While not in the hospital, guests are free to dress culturally appropriately. Women should have their legs covered at all times (at least past the knee) and should avoid all spaghetti strapped or sleeveless shirts. Men can wear shorts, but most Indian men do not, so they should be avoided. Visitors to India should remember that Kolkata is a tropical climate. Weather conditions do vary according to the season.

### **Money:**

It is illegal to obtain Indian currency outside of India. Foreign currencies can be exchanged for rupees at any number of exchange bureaus – including the airport. Most major credit cards are accepted in Kolkata. Debit cards can also be used to draw funds from the cities numerous ATM machines (this actually provides the best exchange rate).

When you are ready to return to the US, keep in mind that it is illegal to take Indian currency (more than 10,000 R's) outside of India. Rupees can be exchanged back into foreign currency at a number of exchange bureaus in the city or at the exchange bureau in the International Terminal. If your flight is departing late at night or early in the morning, it is advisable to exchange your funds before reaching the airport as the bureaus there may be closed at these hours.

### **Rotation / Debriefing / Post rotation:**

The hospital has prepared a short debriefing (feedback) form. Your input, suggestions, critiques and observations are incredibly valuable to us. We would appreciate any thoughts you would provide pertaining to your experiences in preparing, staying and departing India.

You can expect to present a power point presentation during a CME training session while you are there.