

Experience in MedUni Graz: Austria

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Location

Medical University of Graz
Graz, Austria



Summary of Rotational Program

Multidisciplinary Paediatric Educational Course

Program Dates: July 3, 2023- July 28, 2023

Week 1- Psychosomatic Medicine

Week 2- Radiology

Week 3- Infectious Disease

Week 4- General Pediatrics

Daily Schedule:

9:30-11:30 rounds on the floors (all pediatric patients)

2:30-4:30 lectures on various pediatric topics

Austria Background Information

Capital: Vienna

Population: 8,940,860

Average Annual Income: 31,407 EUR

Ethnic Groups: Austrian (80.8%), German (2.6%),
Bosnian and Herzegovinian (1.9%),
Turkish (1.8%), Serbian (1.6%),
Romanian (1.3%), other (10%)

Languages spoken: German (official language,
88.6%), Turkish (2.3%), Serbian
(2.2%), Croatian (1.6%), other
(5.3%)

Population **0-14 years**: 14.08%

Infant Mortality: 3.2 deaths/1,000 births

Life expectancy: 82.48 years

Physician density: 5.29 physicians/1,000 people

Hospital Bed Density: 7.3 beds/1,000 people

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Graz City View

Travel Highlights

Graz: walking tour with other students,
hiking on Schökl mountain,
toboggan rides, Zotter Chocolate
Factory, visit surrounding towns
and castles

Spielberg: Formula 1 Grand Prix at
Red Bull Ring

Vienna: Mozart and Schubert concert,
visited museums and churches

Linz: Global Street Performer Festival,
Mauthausen Memorial

Amsterdam: canal tour and sightseeing



View from Schökl Mountain

Goals of Study Abroad

- * Experience new cultures and broaden my perspectives
- * Build new relationships
- * Learn a new language
- * Compare and contrast the United States medical education system with that of Austria
- * Enjoy exploring a new country as much as I can



F1 Grand Prix in Spielberg



Before Morning Rounds



Dinner with other Pediatric Program Students

Medical Education in Austria

Students enter a 6-year program out of high school to earn their medical degree. They then attend a 6-year residency.

Clinical Experiences

Psychosomatic: introduced to psychosomatic medicine, worked with anorexic patients, ADHD medication introductions
skills learned: otoscope use, physical exam practice

Radiology: cystic fibrosis, Burkitt lymphoma, hereditary spherocytosis
skills learned: how to use the ultrasound, interpret X-rays

Infectious Disease: Varicella, Guillain-Barré, Campylobacter

General Peds: PSGN, ITP, anemia, facial folliculitis

Conclusion

- I was warmly welcomed to the program and the physicians were eager to teach.
- Similarly to RWJ, many patients did not speak the same language as the physicians and interpreters were necessary.
- The greatest difference noticed was within the infectious disease ward, as isolation techniques were rarely used
- While the medical education system differs in structure, there are many aspects that are similar.

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