

The ERASMUS experience in university in Ljubljana

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From November to February, I did my clinical rotation practices in university in Ljubljana in Slovenia. I am a foreign student in Semmelweis university, and did all of my clinical practices by 5th year in Hungary (Szeged and Budapest). The reason why I chose this university is that I have got the idea how the medical scene and students surrounding Hungary. I have several friends to talk about those topics in some other countries in EU, and wanted to know more surrounding Hungary. Then I got the opportunity to study in Slovenia for ERASMUS program in the university, which is quite nice chance for me to know how they are, then I decided to apply to do my practice there.

Although Ljubljana is the capital city in Slovenia, the size of the city is quite small, but the university clinic (clinical complex of Ljubljana) is one of the largest ones in Central Europe. And they deal with higher medical studies and cases in whole country. They do not have foreign language education courses, but there are a lot of students from Europe to study there as ERASMUS programs, and teachers are quite motivated to teach us. I was quite lucky to meet nice mentor doctors for my practices, they taught me a lot of clinical knowledge and skills during my practices. For example, during my surgical practices, mostly every day I did worked as an assistant of my mentor for the operations, there they taught and showed me many things, and this was quite nice experience for me since I could learn those directly. Also Slovenian medical students were quite helpful for me and other foreign students, they were very friendly, often we talked about a lot of matters with broad topics. Medical scenes there are sometimes similar but often different from Hungary, however some of their equipment is newly renovated or latest, it looked very nice.

The life there was also student friendly because every student can get discount for meals in the city, most of students used those systems. The city itself is quite clean and comfortable, I really liked it and also I wanted to stay more. I was really satisfied with these experiences and also appreciated for both coordinators in Semmelweis University and University in Ljubljana. To know how the other countries are is interesting and great experiences for us, and I believe it that we can get the broad vision, which have improved myself.