



## From Classroom to Community: How Arcadia PA Students Gained Global Perspective

MEDLIFE has been working with Arcadia University's Physician Assistant Program since 2022, mobilizing over 120 participants.

In 2025, we designed together a custom Service Learning Trip to Lima and Cusco, Peru for graduate-level students with advanced medical training and an interest in global health. In collaboration with the Director of Clinical Education, we created a curriculum-aligned program that combined hands-on learning, clinical shadowing, and cultural immersion.

### Key Challenges

- Provide **high-level clinical exposure** aligned with program competencies.
- Deliver impact **without adding faculty workload**.
- Ensure activities created **real value for underserved communities**.

### Key Results



**24 students and 4 faculty members** participated in the 8-day program.



**451 patients served** during the Mobile Clinics.



**19 patients received follow-up care**, ensuring continuity of treatment



**672 supervised clinical hours** logged by participating students.



**Nick Ellis**  
MEDLIFE Founder

"I would say that MEDLIFE exceeded my expectations. We had the opportunity to understand the culture, we were able to understand the communities and some of the struggles and challenges, and I think it's really important to teach this lesson to my students"

**Michael Huber**  
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### Key Solution

### MEDLIFE Values Alignment

Curriculum-aligned design with Arcadia faculty

**Listen first** — listening first to both academic goals and community priorities, ensuring rigor and real-world relevance.

Supervised clinical shadowing in mobile clinics and local centers

**Sustainable impact** — contributes to meaningful learning while supporting ongoing local healthcare initiatives.

Talks & workshops with local healthcare experts and leaders

**Not voluntourism** — students learn directly from local knowledge and expertise, not just short-term volunteering.

Full logistics handled by MEDLIFE (safety, housing, transport)

**Faculty protected** — MEDLIFE ensures safe, organized conditions so faculty can focus on teaching and mentoring.



**Interested in a custom Service Learning Trip for your students?** Contact MEDLIFE to explore program alignment.

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