

My experiences in NYC

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I have known this NYC medical training program when I was a 6-year-student of University. Since then, I had been very interested in this program and eager to join it. So I had been really looking forward to taking part in it.

My stay in NYC was wonderful! I had really good experiences. I would like to say thank you to all of the people I met there. Thanks to them, I had a really good time.

First 3 days, we studied how to ask questions to patients and how to control the medical interview at Pace University. It was really difficult to do medical interview in English but we learned many useful words from Prof. Janis.

The next 3 days, we were at Simulation Center to do medical interview and physical examinations for the simulated patients. In Japan, I don't have a chance to see simulated patients. Moreover, I have never met "simulated patients" in Japan! So it was quite an experience. Simulated patients are actor/actress by profession. They are very good at pretending real patients. I'm not a native speaker and they are native, so of course speaking English is hard work. And also, my voice is so soft so that the patients feel it difficult to understand my speaking. I have to make my voice louder than usual and this is the hardest point for me.

After practicing the Simulation Center, I went to the hospital and observed Japanese doctors. I met 2 doctors. Dr.Keiko Kimura is a doctor of internal medicine and Dr. Kichiemon Asoma is ophthalmologist. At the hospital, I could know the difference between American medicine and Japanese one. The most surprising fact is that in the U.S., patients are waiting for doctors at the doctor's room. Probably because of it, patients' waiting time is shorter than Japan. Furthermore, I learned medical English while the doctors were speaking with their patients.

The last events are going the laboratories. We met some Japanese doctors who is working as a researcher in the U.S. Actually, I wasn't interested in research when I was

a university student. But after going to the laboratories, I have an interest in medical research and think one day I want to do.

I couldn't say thank you enough for Prof. Andrew Schneider who managed this program. I really enjoyed my stay in NYC, I met many Japanese people who is working there. I hope I could study abroad near future.