

Ghana Passport/Visa/Shots

Before you travel to Ghana, West African you will need to secure the following:

1. Visit The Study Abroad Site: <http://shepherd.abroadoffice.net/welcome.html>

- Sign up and complete the necessary documents that will allow you to travel with Shepherd University. Click the **How to Apply** to begin located on the left hand side of the site under the heading Apply for Study Abroad!
- Create an Account and keep your information and forms up to date at this site.

Need help? Contact Beth Heflin Cauvel (ecauvel@shepherd.edu) or Ann Henriksson (awhenrik@shepherd.edu) in the Study Abroad Office. The Study Abroad Office is located in Scarborough Library, Room 211. Walk-in hours are Monday – Thursday from 1:00-3:00 and Thursday evening from 7:00 – 9:00.

2. A valid US Passport - YOU MUST HAVE THIS BY FEB. 2012 so please apply NOW.

http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

While Ghana may be lenient with the expiration date on your passport many airlines are NOT. I recommend that your passport be valid for at least 6 months after you return from Ghana. **Your passport should be VALID through July 16, 2012.**

The site above provides links to the passport application and where and how to submit the application.

A Visa from Ghana to enter the country

http://www.ghanaembassy.org/uploads/files/Visa_Application_Form.pdf

<http://www.ghanaembassy.org/index.php?page=visas>

The two links above provide a PDF of the application for a Visa and information about how to complete the application. **Rhonda Smith will be collecting:**

- 1. completed Visa applications**
- 2. \$60.00 (which the government of Ghana charges for processing of visas) and**
- 3. your valid Passport.**

Armed with these three items from each of you Rhonda Smith will travel to the Ghanaian Embassy in Washington D.C. and have all of visas processed and return them to you at no additional cost in early March. For this reason it will be essential that you have a **valid passport in hand by February 2012.**

Proof of Yellow Fever vaccination

Yellow fever vaccination requirement for travelers to Ghana: Vaccination should be given 10 days before travel and at 10 year intervals if there is on-going risk. [Find an authorized U.S. yellow fever vaccination clinic.](#)

In addition you should also consider the following vaccinations or boosters and should consult your physician 4-6 week prior to departure before embarking on any of these.

Hepatitis A is recommended for all unvaccinated people traveling or working in developing countries with “standard” tourist Itineraries.

Malaria: While it is doubtful that you will be in areas exposed to Malaria during your visit this is a disease that is carried by mosquitoes and can easily be transmitted. I recommend that you bring repellent and use it but you may feel safer if you have taken some antimalarial drug. Please consult your doctor for the best option for you.

All of the following antimalarial drugs are equal options for preventing malaria in Ghana: Atovaquone-proguanil, doxycycline, or mefloquine. For detailed information about each of these drugs, see [Table 3-11: Drugs used in the prophylaxis of malaria](#). For information that can help you and your doctor decide which of these drugs would be best for you, please see [Choosing a Drug to Prevent Malaria](#).

PROOF of INSURANCE:

Before traveling abroad with Shepherd University you will need to demonstrate that you have health and safety insurance that would cover you in case of an accident while abroad. One easy way to satisfy this requirement is to sign up for the EF travel insurance. Or you may provide proof through an insurance card that you have health coverage. If you would like to explore additional options, the Study Abroad Office maintains a list of recommended travel health insurance providers. Proof of insurance will be requested on the Shepherd University Study Abroad Site.