

The Peace Corps has medical status eligibility requirements that every applicant must meet. Every applicant must, with reasonable accommodation, have the physical and mental capacity required of a Volunteer to perform the essential functions of the Peace Corps Volunteer assignment for which he or she is otherwise eligible, and be able to complete a tour of service (ordinarily 27 months) without unreasonable disruption due to health problems.

Peace Corps Volunteers serve around the world in physically and mentally challenging environments where medical resources and local transportation services may vary significantly from those in the U.S. The Peace Corps is responsible for providing necessary and appropriate health care to all Peace Corps Volunteers and, in certain countries, the Peace Corps may be unable to provide necessary and appropriate health care for particular conditions.

All applicants must, as part of the Peace Corps application, complete a Health History Form, which asks for information about their medical history and conditions. The answers provided on the Health History Form, along with other information regarding an applicant's health provided to us, will be used to decide whether an applicant meets the Peace Corps' medical status eligibility requirements and, if so, where he or she can be assigned for service. It is therefore important that applicants **respond to all questions completely and accurately**.

The Peace Corps does not have blanket rules excluding applicants with particular conditions and each applicant receives an individualized assessment of his or her medical condition. If an applicant is not medically cleared for service as a Peace Corps Volunteer, he or she will receive an explanation of the reasons and will have the opportunity to appeal the decision to the Pre-Service Review Board. Medical clearance decisions are not permanent, and someone not medically cleared may later reapply.

If you have any concerns about medical support or other clinical questions, **please call the Pre-Service Unit Nurse Line at 1-855-855-1961, extension 4049**. You may also email pre-servicenurse@peacecorps.gov; however, because email is not a secure method of communication and there is a chance that an outside party could access your information, we will not be able to discuss sensitive medical information via email.