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1. Cost of Living

- Expect rent to be around 700 if you have roommates and 1200 if you are single +/- utilities, which may be 50-300 more/month.
- A Metrocard (unlimited subway/bus rides) costs 104 dollars/30 days. They are talking about increasing the cost of this.
- If you bring a car (a few of us have them) insurance is double what you pay elsewhere.
- Food is a little more expensive than elsewhere.
- Pretty much all students qualify for medicaid in NYC, so healthcare insurance is potentially free if you apply for it.

2. Financial Aid adjustment for each campus

- You get more in NYC (I think about 10 grand more, but you wil)

3. Housing

- Most students live in Park Slope neighborhood in Brooklyn (most expensive in Brooklyn, but closer to Manhattan, stuff going on in Brooklyn, generally cooler).
- A few live in Bay Ridge - another neighborhood in Brooklyn (a little cheaper, further away from Manhattan, equidistant from the hospital as Park Slope, more family-friendly financially).
- I live on Staten Island (about 45 min to the hospital by bus/subway, but immensely cheaper for a family of 4. Very far away from Manhattan. Very uncool to live on SI).
- A few students live further away - Manhattan itself (most expensive, but the center of the universe), Williamsburg (close to family for that student, also ultrahip), and Harlem (close to family for that student).

4. Nightlife/Social

- Can't beat it, it's NYC. Seriously incredible. Whatever you want is available. Sports, Music, Theater, Museums, a rock climbing gym in Brooklyn. They even have a rodeo here it turns out.

5. What are the Demographics of the area?

- Lutheran Medical Center is situated in Sunset Park, a neighborhood with a large population of Spanish speakers mostly from Mexico, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Chinese speakers (mandarin + cantonese). There are also neighborhood clinics in Park Slope, Bay Ridge (lots of Italian, Russian, Arabic speaking families), Flatbush (a lot of Jamaicans, Trinidadians, Haitians, with a few spanish speakers). You can't get more diverse.

6. What are some of the other languages spoken in that area?

- see above
7. Do I live here for year 2-4?
   • all 3rd year rotations are at Lutheran Medical center or one of its community health centers, all of which are in Brooklyn. Most students live in Brooklyn and stay for years 2-4.

8. Where do people live at this campus?
   • see above

9. With a family what are the best areas or schools for kids?
   • see above

10. What are the job opportunities for my spouse in the CHC area?
    • immensely diverse. You can even be a rooftop farmer if you are agrarian.

11. Do I have to come back to Mesa?
    • not until graduation.

12. Will all my rotations in the 2nd year be in the CHC?
    • we do 4 hours in our home clinic at one of the CHC’s, and 4 hours at the hospital during year 2

13. What is the drive time to the CHC from where I live?
    • The hospital is about 15-20 minutes door-to-door from Bay Ridge and Park Slope. It takes about 45 min from Manhattan and Staten Island, depending on where you are coming from.

14. What does the typical weekly schedule of a 2nd year look like?
15. Will all my 3-4 rotations take place at the CHC?
    • Your 3rd year rotations are all scheduled for you; they are either at the CHC clinic or at the main hospital.

16. Will I have any hospital rotations in the 3-4 years?
    • Absolutely. LMC is a teaching hospital, with residencies in surgery, medicine, family medicine, ob/gyn. I was asked in my interviews for residency if my 3rd year rotations were in a teaching hospital, so this is a huge advantage.
17. Can I do international rotations?

- during your fourth year

18. Do you have board prep at the community campuses?

- nothing formal, just time off (about one month for step I and two weeks for step II. This time is hugely variable depending on how you schedule your rotations and tests. Some people studied for several months for both tests). Most people did a board prep class like Doctors in Training

19. Can I do rotations at other campuses or back home?

- 3rd year is pretty set. 4th year you have several electives, but you must do cardiology, critical care, emergency medicine, and neurology at Lutheran Medical Center

20. Can I come and tour this campus?

- absolutely. Points of contact -
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