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Health Professions

Abroad

Culture, F

Environment & Health

Number of Credits: 3

Course Description

The Health Professions Study Abroad is an immersion experience that is intended to expand the participants' understanding of health, health determinants and healthcare delivery from an international perspective. The program examines the impact of culture, food, and environment on health from multiple perspectives using a wide variety of learning experiences. Although intertwined and supportive of each other, focused teaching / learning and assignments will be used to enhance the experience.

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Required Textbooks & Course Materials

All Students

- Composition Notebook for journaling
- Notebook and paper for class notes, homework and assignments
- Enrollment in Towson Blackboard Web site for course
- A Spanish/English Dictionary to be purchased before the trip. (*A Spanish / English medical dictionary is also highly recommended*)

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- Purnell, L., (2013). *Transcultural health care: A culturally competent approach*. (4th ed.). Philadelphia, PA; F.A. Davis. ISBN: 978-0-8036-3705-4

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- Lappe, Anna. (2010). *Diet for a hot planet: The climate crisis at the end of your fork and what you can do about it*. New York: Bloomsbury USA ISBN: 1608104655

At the completion of the course, **HLTH** students will be able to:

1. Identify personal cultural values and perceptions of health, illness and food production.
2. Identify concepts, beliefs, and practices regarding cultural aspects of food production and the implications on health in diverse cultures.
3. Compare the food systems of a Latin American country with that of the U.S.
4. Demonstrate independence and initiative in learning about the culture, food system, and healthcare system of the host country.
5. Explore a variety of influences that affect the foods human beings eat and the related outcomes connected to each influence.
6. Gain knowledge of macro-level influences that are detrimental to the food system, environment, economy and health.
7. Identify local, state, national, and global organizations related to the food movement.

(See further specifications for assignments under the Assignment area in the Blackboard site)

All Students:

PRE/Post DEPARTURE Questionnaire: The student will complete a self-evaluation related to perceptions, thoughts, feelings, and beliefs...

NURS Students:

INVESTIGATION INTO THE CULTURE AND CURRENT HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND PROVIDERS

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In Justice Appreciation: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the role of the nurse in the health care system and the impact of the nurse on the patient's health.

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	Fly from U.S. to Santo Domingo. Group transfer to hotel. Welcome dinner
	Orientation Walking tour of city