Cultural Immersion in the Dominican Republic

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• Evolution of the experience:
  – Volunteer experience with Intercultural Nursing
  – Global Health Initiatives
  – Applied for intramural funding for faculty and students
  – Collaborate with the International Education Office
  – Developing curriculum, learning objectives, and evaluation criteria
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• Goal:
  – Immersion in the Dominican culture
  – Provide health education and service in
    • Health clinics
    • Nutrition Center
    • Head Start Program
    • Senior Center
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• Objectives:
  – Apply principles of public health to populations
  – Implement principles of teaching and learning that address the health of populations
  – Utilize principles of primary, secondary and tertiary prevention that are appropriate for populations at risk
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• Objectives (cont):
  – Develop cultural competency and language skills for working with underserved populations in the U.S and outside the U. S.
  – Identify cultural differences in the provision of health care resources
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• Eligibility requirements for the experience:
  – Age 21 years or older
  – Completion of junior medical-surgical nursing
  – Good academic standing
  – Spanish language preferred, but not required
  – Completion of application
    • Essay, two recommendations, transcription
  – Clearance by the Office of International Education
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• Developing Curriculum:
  – Independent study, three credit
  – Monthly seminars
    • International Education Office Orientation
    • Political and Social History
    • Health Care Systems
    • Public Health Issues
  – Two week trip to rural area of DR
  – Post trip seminars: Adjusting and Reflections
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• Developing Curriculum:

  – Evaluation:
    • Attendance and participation in all seminars
    • Book Critique
      – Why the Cocks Fight: Dominicans, Haitians and the Struggle for Hispaniola.
      – The Feast of the Goat.
      – The Farming of the Bone
    • Health Education Presentation
    • Journaling – reflective inquiry
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Seguridad de Medicamentos

- No comparten su medicamento
- No la utilicen para otros
- Guarden sus medicamentos y no los arrojen a los basureros
- No beban alcohol y los medicamentos diferentes en la misma botella
- No mezclen medicamentos que estén en la misma botella
- Llenan todos los antibióticos que estén en la botella

¡Sigan todas las instrucciones!
Labor and Delivery
Head Start Program
Head Start Program
Truck rides to the Campos
Campos
Health Education in the Campos
Senior Center Day Program
Senior Center Day Program
Future Directions: Faculty and Student Exchange
Future Directions: Partnerships in the Community
Future Directions:
Sustainable Health Efforts with Community Leaders
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- J. H. White Center of Ethics and Public Service Fellowship for faculty
- Proposal for Funding for students and faculty
- Potentially collaborating with Political Science faculty and students for January 2012
- Evaluating experience and potential participant outcomes
VOLUNTEERING AT HOME AND ABROAD: THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE FOR NURSES
Questions??
Seguridad de Medicamentos

- NO COMPAREN SUS MEDICAMENTOS
  - ÉSOS MEDICAMENTOS SON ÚNICOS PARA USTED

- NO DAD MEDICAMENTOS A NOSOTROS NI A LOS NIÑOS
  - DÉNLOS DIRECTAMENTE A LOS NIÑOS

- MÉZCLEN LOS MEDICAMENTOS DIFERENTES
  - NO ELBAN UNA HUELLA

- SIEMPRE USES EL MÉDICO QUE ESTÁN DADOS
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- SIGAN TODAS LAS INSTRUCCIONES!