EDUCATION ABROAD IN NURSING

BENEFITS OF AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

The UVA School of Nursing views global experience as an integral component to its students’ education. Undergraduate nursing students must be prepared to embrace both the challenges and the exciting opportunities of our global community and to be enriched by programs that involve them in interactions with the people, cultures, and health care of our neighbors worldwide. Gaining global experience will help students learn skills such as cross-cultural communication, respectful community engagement, critical thinking, empathy, and cultural humility.

ACADEMIC & TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Because of the SON curriculum sequencing, students can only study abroad for a semester during the fall of their fourth year on a UVA –SON exchange program (see below). These exchanges focus on the clinical portion of your degree program. Before participating in an exchange for a semester, the student will have completed all 2nd year courses and the following 3rd year courses: NUCO 3110 Adult-Gero Nursing; NUCO 3310 Pediatric Nursing; NUCO 3610 Maternal Child Nursing; NUIP 3420 Pathophysiology/Clinical Management II; NUIP 3430 Pharmacology/Clinical Management II; NUIP 3320 and 3330 REAL II (Health Policy, Regulation, Delegation and Informatics) and REAL III (Evidence Based Practice and Research Utilization) NUIP 4210 Public and Population Health OR NUCO 4310 Mental Health. Students participating in the New Zealand exchange will have completed NUCO 4210 in the spring and will receive credit for NUCO 4310 in the fall; students participating in the Australia exchange will have completed NUCO 4310 in the spring and will receive credit for NUCO 4210 in the fall.

WHAT'S NEXT?
- Take the Education Abroad Workshop
- To discuss program options, make an appointment online with an education abroad advisor according to your country or region of interest.

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Interested in other disciplines? Explore additional major advising sheets online at http://educationabroad.virginia.edu/your-major

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STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

“My classmates and I were able to implement a community action plan at Clinica Esperanza to prevent the transmission of chikungunya (a virus spread by mosquitos). Cases are relatively new to the island, with the first patient seen at Clinica Esperanza in December 2014. Being in Roatán boosted my confidence as a future nurse by pushing me outside of my comfort zone. Not having technology to rely on not only enhanced my hands-on skills, but it also emphasized the importance of developing and using my nursing instincts. I met professionals from around the world with many different backgrounds; each and every one taught me something new. There was a strong sense of camaraderie among the clinic volunteers and I have seen what true teamwork can accomplish.”

- Crystal Moses, CNL ‘16 student, at Clinica Esperanza in Roatán, Honduras

WHAT PROGRAMS ARE OUT THERE? READ ON!

International Opportunities in Nursing

This is just a starting point. You are not limited to these options.

OCEANIA
- Australia, UVA Nursing Exchange: University of Queensland
- New Zealand, UVA Nursing Exchange: University of Auckland

THE AMERICAS
- Chile, IES: Chile: Santiago: Health Studies
- St. Kitts and Nevis, January Term: UVA in St. Kitts and Nevis

EUROPE
- Cyprus, Global Semesters: Cyprus: Health Sciences
- Spain, UVA in Valencia

NON-CREDIT-BEARING OPTIONS
- UVA Center for Global Health
- South Africa–Water and Health in Limpopo Province
- Nursing Students Without Borders

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