University of North Carolina Wilmington
College of Health and Human Services • School of Nursing
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Nursing Study Abroad
Medical Spanish and Service in Costa Rica for Nursing and Clinical Research
Course Syllabus

Course: Medical Spanish and Service in Costa Rica for Nursing and Clinical Research

Credit Hours: 3

Placement: Undergraduate and Graduate

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Prerequisites: Permission of instructor

Co-requisites: None

Course Description: This course is designed to expose students to healthcare, community engagement, and professional nursing in countries outside of the United States. Focused study on professional nursing and/or healthcare topics specific to the host country on local, regional and global scales. The course integrates multiple forms of instruction.

Course Goal: The overall goal of this course is to broaden the students' view of professional nursing in international settings and gain a better understanding of the four nursing metaparadigm concepts; person, environment, health and nursing within that geographic location.

Course Student Learning Outcomes:
Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss social norms, customs and healthcare expectations of a geographical region.
2. Recognize cultural differences between the United States and the geographical region under study.

3. Describe the metaparadigm concepts of person, environment, health, and nursing in the context of the geographical region.
4. Examine the similarities and differences of professional nursing in the United States compared to the geographical region under study.
5. Assess personal level of cultural awareness and knowledge.
6. Apply the knowledge gained from international experience to broaden personal perspectives and improve professional practice when caring for or educating individuals from different cultural backgrounds.

SPECIFIC COURSE DESCRIPTION

The "Medical Spanish and Service Learning in Costa Rica" study abroad program offers undergraduate and graduate Nursing and Clinical Research (CLR) students a unique opportunity to enhance their cultural competence, language proficiency, and global healthcare knowledge. Through immersive Medical Spanish instruction and hands-on service projects, students will engage with local communities to provide care and support, gaining firsthand experience in addressing healthcare challenges in a cross-cultural setting. By integrating language learning with community service, students will broaden their understanding of global health, improve their ability to communicate in clinical environments, and strengthen their ability to think globally while acting locally in their future careers.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss the social norms, customs, and healthcare expectations within Costa Rican communities.
2. Recognize cultural and healthcare differences between the United States and Costa Rica.
3. Describe the metaparadigm concepts of person, environment, health, and nursing in the context of Costa Rican healthcare.
4. Examine the similarities and differences in professional nursing and healthcare research practices between the United States and Costa Rica.
5. Assess personal cultural awareness and communication skills in the context of language barriers and global healthcare.
6. Apply the knowledge gained from this international experience to enhance professional practice and research when caring for or working with individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Grading Scale: 90 – 100=A, 80 - 89 = B, 70 - 79 = C, 60 - 69 = D

ASSIGNMENTS

OVERVIEW OF MAJOR ASSIGNMENTS	
Assignment	**Percentage**
Study Abroad Orientation (UNCW)	5
Travel Prep Requirements	5
Pre-Trip Assignments	20

Trip Participation and Assignments	50
Final Reflective Assignments	20
Total	**100%**

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND HONOR CODE

All members of the UNCW community are expected to follow the Academic Honor Code. Please read the UNCW Honor Code carefully (as covered in the UNCW Student Handbook). Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated in the class. Please be especially familiar with the UNCW position on plagiarism as outlined in the UNCW Student Handbook. Plagiarism is a form of academic dishonesty in which you take someone else's ideas and represent them as your own. Adherence to the Academic Honor Code is consistent with adherence with the NASW *Code of Ethics.*

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students who have a disability and need accommodations should notify the instructor ***by the end of the second week of this semester.*** In order to obtain such accommodations, the student must officially register with the Office of Disabilities Services located in DePaulo Hall (962-3746) and the instructor with a letter of accommodation which specifies the student's learning needs. Accommodations will be made based on the recommendations of Disabilities Services, and collaboration with the student, to determine how best to accommodate the student's needs.

SAFETY AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Costa Rica is a safe place to visit and most people there speak English. Students and faculty will be housed with host families. Two or more UNCW students will be housed together. Students will be assisted in purchasing airfare so that they are traveling with the instructor, or after the instructor so that the instructor is available to meet them at the airport upon arrival. Students will be required to travel in pairs during free time.

VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT

UNCW practices a zero tolerance policy for any kind of violent or harassing behavior. If you are experiencing an emergency of this type contact the police at 911 or UNCW CARE at 962-2273. Resources for individuals concerned with violent or harassing situation can be located at http://www.uncw.edu/wsrc/crisis.html.

THE UNCW STATEMENT ON DIVERSITY IN THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

As an institution of higher learning, the University of North Carolina Wilmington represents a rich diversity of human beings among its faculty, staff, and students and is committed to maintaining a campus environment that values that diversity. Accordingly, the university supports policies, curricula, and co-curricular activities that encourage understanding of and appreciation for all members of its community and will not tolerate any harassment or disrespect for persons because of race, gender, age, color, national origin, ethnicity, creed, religion, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status, or relationship to other university constituents. Diversity Resources.

RELIGIOUS OVERSERVANCE POLICY

North Carolina General Statute 116-11(3a) and UNC policy authorizes a minimum of two

excused absences each academic year for religious observances required by the faith of a student. Students must submit a request for an excused absence, within SeaNet, seven days prior to the religious observance. The student shall be given the opportunity to make up any tests or other work missed due to an excused absence for a religious observance

UNCW STUDENT GENDER-BASED/SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

UNCW takes all forms of interpersonal violence very seriously. When students disclose (verbally or in writing) to faculty or staff about sexual misconduct, domestic violence, dating violence and/or stalking against themselves or another student, this information **must be reported** to the administration in order to ensure that student's rights are protected, appropriate resources are offered, and the need for further investigation is explored to maintain campus safety. This means that if you tell the instructor about this kind of misconduct, the disclosure cannot remain confidential, and the instructor must share that information. This is required by federal law and UNCW policy.

The following **three confidential resources** do not need to report interpersonal violence: UNCW CARE, the Student Health Center, and the Counseling Center. If you want to speak to someone in confidence, these resources are available, including CARE's 24-hour crisis line (910-512-4821). For more information, please visit www.uncw.edu/sexualmisconduct or www.uncw.edu/care.