

The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Building Healthy Communities Globally

Study Abroad Opportunities for Nursing Students

The UNC-CH School of Nursing has received funding from the University Center for International Studies to develop international content in our nursing curricula. Our plans include developing (1) strategies for building cultural competence among nursing students through enhanced content in global health status; (2) opportunities for student clinical experience in international settings; and (3) opportunities for completing requirements for Honors and Service Learning projects, a masters thesis or doctoral dissertation targeting issues of importance to global health.

The increasing globalization of North Carolina challenges health professionals to demonstrate competencies to provide quality health care to a young, dynamic immigrant community. Research shows that short-term immersion in international settings is one of the most effective methods for advancing cultural competence of nursing students.

A new committee for Global Health has been formed to bring together faculty and students interested in facilitating international experiences, particularly in developing countries. The hope is that students will include a study abroad experience as part of their undergraduate, graduate or even post-graduate program at UNC-CH's School of Nursing.

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