Nursing Service–Learning in the
Dominican Republic

January 2018

Tentative Dates: January 8th – 15th (exact dates will be determined approx. 30-60 days before travel)

Learn first-hand about healthcare and culture of the Latin American country of the Dominican Republic and acquire a global perspective of Nursing.

Educational Program Highlights:

- Tour a health center in the capitol of Santo Domingo
- Learn about The Asociacion para el Desarrolla de San Jose de Ocoa (ADESCJO) a non-profit organization that works to improve the quality of life for the impoverished community of Ocoa. Meet local health professionals as they share information of the outreach programs.
- Travel north to Rancho Arriba the site of the service project in the local healthcare clinics. Exact project to be determined close to travel as the goal is to meet the needs of the community.
- Gain an appreciation for challenges of daily living including housing, environment and nutrition through tours of the local hydroelectric plant, vegetable processing plant and the Agroforestry which will include a small on-site service activity.
- Take time to enjoy the south beach coast with a beach day to rejuvenate before heading home.
- Each day will include debriefing by local Field Director and Faculty Leader

Course Credit or No Credit?

Students have the opportunity to complete the Service Learning program for travel only or for up to 3 Life Experience Credits through EU. Earned Life Experience credits are applied to the category of “Elective” credits in the Nursing Curriculum. Additional fees to acquire Life Experience Credits apply. Please visit the Adult Student Service EU site for detailed information on the process and fees to attain credits.

To acquire Life Experience credits students will complete pre and post experience assignments to demonstrate they met the objectives. Pre-travel assignment will include independent research on the healthcare in DR and post travel assignments will include reflection journal, and a comparison of various elements of healthcare in the DR and US. This body of work will be accumulated into a portfolio which includes the required elements of a Life Experience Portfolio as stated by the Adult Student Services Guidelines for Life Experience Credits.

Program Price Includes:
- Round Trip airfare from Pittsburgh Airport
- Hotel accommodations for 7 night with private bathroom en suite (3-4 students/room)
- Land transportation to EF arranged activities
- All Meals
- Full-time Field Director to manage all on-ground logistics
- Guided sight-seeing tour of Santo Domingo
- 20 hours of nursing and healthcare related service
- Global Travel Protection Insurance (required)

Program Price: (As of January/February 2017)

Price of program based on number of participants.

It is expected the program will include at least 15 students – thus the price of $3,065 (with 3-4/room). This price includes the $200 discount for travelers registering by the end of February.

Price quoted is based on 15-19 participants. - If the number of students increase, the price will decrease and accounts will be adjusted. The price will also increase if the number of participants drop.

* Students over the age of 30 are required to have a double room with the price of $33 (assuming at least 15-19 participants).

Additional Expenses:

- Passport fees if student does not have a current passport
- Spending Money
- Tipping is an expectation – and will cost $10/day/person or $80.

How to Enroll

All participants will complete the EU Travel Abroad Application and submit to Dr. Hedderick. Once reviewed and authorized by Dr. Hedderick, the student will be given the EF program code to visit the EF website and enroll in the program.

The EF site is designed to provide information regarding booking conditions prior to enrollment. EF offers various payment plan options. Once enrolled you lock in the price.

Please contact Dr. Viki Hedderick with any questions! vhedderick@edinboro.edu  (814) 732-1655