



Background

The University of Missouri - Columbia Sinclair School of Nursing and the University of Iowa College of Nursing, along with two Canadian (the University of Prince Edward Island and Dalhousie University) and two Mexican (la Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León and la Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí) schools of nursing, are participating in a North American Mobility in Higher Education Project, sponsored in part by the Fund for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE), U.S. Department of Education.

This multi-dimensional program will provide opportunities for undergraduate students and registered nurses to:

- ♦ Explore the role of the nurse within each country's health care system
- ♦ Grow in multicultural awareness and recognition of specific health care beliefs and values held by people from each country
- ♦ Participate in a cultural immersion experience

Course Description and Content

The course, *N3006: Cultural Expeditions in Nursing*:

- ♦ Focuses on multi-cultural awareness and recognition of specific health care beliefs and values
- ♦ Explores the role of the nurse within the health care systems of Canada, México, and the United States of America
- ♦ Provides opportunities for students to achieve a better understanding of cultural similarities and differences
- ♦ Can be taken as an elective as a part of the undergraduate nursing curriculum and provides 3 hours of academic credit
- ♦ Delivered online as a web-enhanced course at the University of Missouri - Columbia

Students will study the impact of family, education, religion, economics, politics, society and community upon health-care delivery and individual patient care.

Student Exchange

At the end of the course, students will participate in a cultural immersion experience in any of the three countries - Canada, México, or the United States.

Stipends at the maximum amount of \$1,500 each are available to help cover travel costs for students.

Preparation and Time-Line

Fall Semesters, 2004 and 2005

A preparatory series of classes on medical Spanish and nurse role in North America is offered at the MU Sinclair School of Nursing.

Winter Semesters, 2005 and 2006

Students and registered nurses take the web-enhanced course *N3006: Cultural Expeditions in Nursing*.

Spring, 2005 and 2006

Students and registered nurses participate in a local clinical experience or in a student exchange in México or Canada.

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