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# **Administrative & Infrastructure Supports Needed for Global Initiatives in Nursing**

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# Purpose

Discuss the institutional partnership needs, resources, administrative and infrastructure needs for development and maintenance of global clinical experiences for undergraduate nursing students.



## Background

- Global experiences must meet course objectives and curricular outcomes
- Partnership with university in another country
  - Beyond the MOU, relationship based
  - Regular communication
  - Shared objectives
  - Best use of resources



## University Infrastructure

- Central office for fiscal accountability, procedures, & policies for university requirements & safety.
  - Developing budget
  - Making travel plans
  - Ground transportation
  - Accommodations
  - Meals



## Risk Assessment & Mitigation

- University Risk Assessment Office
  - Anticipate, handle & report issues relating to student or faculty conduct, illness or safety
  - Determine safe travel to avoid disease, conflicts, etc.
  - Use an electronic database to store traveler's profiles, including passport info, emergency contacts, where they will be staying, etc.



## Private Student Health Information

- Medical conditions may not disqualify a student, but sharing information with the lead faculty may be important to enable planning and manage exacerbations or medication needs that may arise.



## Faculty Training

- Faculty are responsible for students abroad.
- In-depth orientation in general regarding keeping students safe, and specifically related to concerns associated with the host country.
  - How safe are accommodations? Food? Water? Transportation?
  - Is an embassy or consulate available?





## Faculty Training

- VAWA, Cleary Act
- University rules apply everywhere
- Always designate meeting area if separated
- International phone or calling plan
- Setting curfews and safe places to visit on off time



## Preparation

- Potential health risks:
  - Vaccinations?
  - DEET insect repellent?
- Faculty should not dispense meds
  - Can attend to minor illnesses
- Plan for serious illness or injury
  - Hospital or clinic available?
  - Mental health issues may be more pronounced



## Student Preparation

- Prepare for HC system in country
  - Major health concerns & focus of HC system
  - Scope of nursing practice & scope of student learning
    - Dress codes
    - Equipment used/not used
  - Simulation pre-departure
    - Practice the language
  - Cultural differences & immersion



## Student Immersion

- Debriefing includes cultural insights
- Participate in cultural festivals, craft, & food markets
- Visit important landmarks
  - Castles in Scotland
  - Panama Canal in Panama





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