

Enriching the Global Nursing Immersion Experience through Peer Mentorship

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Background

- Peer mentorship is an untapped resource in global clinical nursing programs
- Students face distinct challenges from language barriers to navigating cross-cultural differences⁶
- Columbia University School of Nursing's Office of Global Initiatives (OGI) has a rigorous global clinical placement program that has sent:

Year	# Students	# Countries
2018	48	11
2019	78	15



Objective

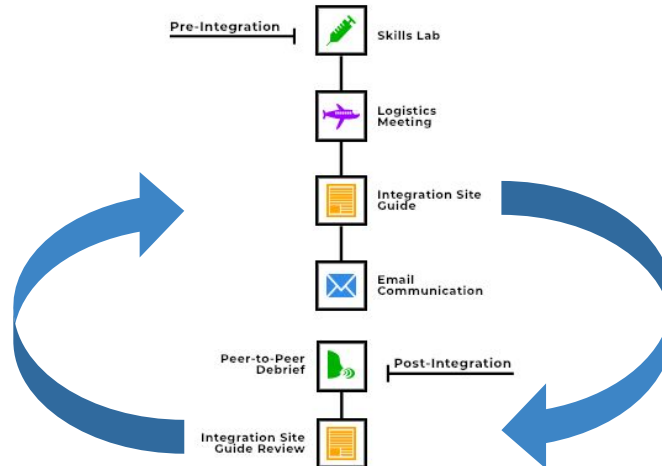
- Study aims to determine the importance of peer-to-peer mentorship in global clinical placements through a pilot peer mentor program at Columbia University, School of Nursing (CUSON).

Methods

OGI survey sent to global clinical students from prior two years



Pilot peer mentorship program components



Discussion

Advantages

- Usefulness of integration site guide for local connections and packing list.
- Ease with in country connections with prior student contacts
- Ability to use document in little or no wifi access areas.

Challenges

- Inability to email about specific challenges in country due to wifi
- More face-to-face time with peer-mentors
- Pieces of integration document outdated
- Willingness of future students to update document

Conclusion

- There is a benefit to peer involvement in global nursing integration programs.
- An integration site guide is the most sustainable form of involvement due to the aforementioned constraints

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