Increasing Cultural Awareness

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Techniques

- Skype
- Classroom activities
- Online
- Clinical Application
- Study Abroad
Focus

- Improve cultural awareness
- Latin American religion, beliefs and culture
- Healthcare in Latin American
- Teaching medical Spanish
Pre and Post Survey

- On a scale of 1-5 (1 being lowest and 5 being very confident)
  - 1. Ability to speak Spanish
  - 2. Ability to read Spanish
  - 3. Ability to understand Spanish
  - 4. Knowledge of Latin American culture
  - 5. Knowledge of Latin American health care
Methods for Class #1  N=10

- Using In classroom teaching
- Skyped with Faculty in Mexico
- Spanish speaker brought in class
- Spanish activities (jeopardy, computer, practice)
- Physical exam on Spanish speaking patient
Class #2  N=28

- Using the same questions on day 1
- Most students rated themselves a 1 on every category
- The average score on the computer exam was 5/42
- Did not Skype with Luxana in Mexico
- More online classes
- Post survey average was 29/42
- Struggled with physical exam
Focus Change to IPE

- My research focus is on IPE with all students in the CHHS
- Offering a course this Fall
- Service Learning Project in Jamaica

Goals

1. Create a best practice model for IPE international exchange and experience

- Students will work with staff from other professions to maintain a climate of mutual respect and share cultural values
Methodology

- The IPE team conducted interviews with the Healthcare administrators at the two public hospitals we will hold our service learning at.
- The staff observed each hospital and spoke to the staff regarding working conditions.
- Inquiry to the equipment and overall help they needed.
- Overview of Nursing including duties and pay and Social Workers case load.
Results

- Most of the class rated themselves as a 1-2 on every question on the survey the first day.
- All of the students scored an average of 8/42 on the computer test on day 1.
- The post test on the last day all students rated themselves a 4-5 on each category.
- All students scored and average of 39/42 on the computer test.
- All students were able to perform a physical exam in Spanish on the last day of class.
Survey Questions continued

- 6. Ability to perform a physical exam on a Spanish speaking patient
- 7. Use of technology for real-time discussion
- 8. Knowledge of violence in Latin America
- 9. Ability to care for Spanish speaking patients
- 10. Knowledge of religious and folklore influence in Latin America
Project Outcomes

- Create a service learning project for all CHHHS students to attend
- Begin with 20 students first visit
- Debrief with students on a daily basis
- Create a best practice model for IPE international exchange and experiences for CHHS students
- Mobay Hope and Cornwall Regional Hospitals
Questions