GLOBAL SERVICE LEARNING ABOARD THE PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP MISSION

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INTRODUCTION

- Nursing faculty recognize the need to respond to diverse patient populations and cultivate leaders to enrich the nursing profession, both locally and globally.
- International exchange among nursing students provides broadened perspectives of global nursing issues and enriches leadership skills.
- Global Service Learning (GSL) offers a model for promoting culturally compassionate learning and collaborative leadership skills while addressing global health issues.

GLOBAL SERVICE LEARNING (GSL)

- Formal campus-community partnership where students provide a service and learn in international settings.
- Aims to immerse students in experiences that are mutually beneficial to the learner as well as the population served.
- Service is formally linked with academic program.
- Structured student reflection is part of the process.
- GSL seven core principles:
  - Compassion
  - Curiosity
  - Competence
  - Capacity building
  - Creativity
  - Collaboration
  - Core Principles

PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP MISSION

The Pacific Partnership is an annual, humanitarian assistance disaster relief response mission led by the U.S. Navy that strengthens relationships, improves disaster preparedness and enhances collective disaster response efforts among all participants.

UHM NURSING & PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

- US Navy partnership with UH Manoa Nursing, full memorandum of agreement in force.
- Goal of mutual learning.
- Role of Nursing Students:
  o Each party teaches (PP team and host country) and learns from each other.
  o Partner with local STTI chapter (Gamma Psi) to collect current nursing textbooks, other donations to community.

IMPACT

- Participants report PP experience increased:
  - Understanding of international collaboration for humanitarian assistance.
  - Understanding of the host country culture.
  - Understanding of the culture of the military.
  - Leadership skills for humanitarian assistance.
  - Competence to work on a humanitarian mission.
  - Confidence to work on a humanitarian assistance team.

SUMMARY

- Global service learning is an important tool for educating the next generation of global citizens.
- GSL proven method for:
  - Assuring that both students and recipients gain in the transaction.
  - Supporting hands on experiential learning, community service, and global connectivity.

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