Development of Academic and Non-Profit Organization Partnership: Creating International Clinical Experience for Nurse Practitioner Students

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Learning Objectives

By the end of this session, participants will

1. Understand the mutual benefits of a partnership between an academic nursing unit and a non-profit organization
2. Identify potential barriers and facilitators of such partnerships
3. Consider the relevance of such partnerships to nursing education and patient care
Introduction

• How did this happen?
  • Personal desire
  • [www.chhf.org](http://www.chhf.org) \(^1\)
    • Short term
    • Sustainable
    • Established NPO
    • Community involvement
Mutual Benefits of Partnership

School of Nursing
- Need clinical placement
- Increasing emphasis on global health
- No study abroad options for graduate nursing students

CHHF
- Need providers
- Established infrastructure to support health care in remote areas of Honduras
What’s in the literature? 2-7

**Benefits**
- Deeper understanding of nursing practice
- Cultural competence
- Professional and personal growth
- Global view of health

**Barriers**
- Cost
- Relationship & Work responsibilities
- Language barriers
- Safety concerns
Building a vision
• Recognize opportunity
• Involve the potential partners
• Consider resources

Planning
• Roles & Activities
• Alignment of mission

Launch
• Implement
• Monitor & evaluate
• Plan for sustainability

Partnering Process
Piloting the partnership

Working out the logistics

• Mix of patients and clinical experiences
• Issues with limited-resource health care
• Barriers and facilitators to international teaching & learning
• Student feedback
Challenges

• Multiple roles for faculty member
• Capacity limits
• Limited resources
• Unfamiliar health system
• Unexpected / unanticipated events
Facilitators of Success

- Aligned vision and mission
- Experience of NPO and staff
- Short time frame
- Established clinic with established routines
Outcomes for SON

- “I realized that the social determinants [affect] every aspect of the health visit including: assessment, communicable diseases, treatment, medication selection, patient education, limited collaboration with other specialties, lack of access to healthcare, and the use and view of the health care system.” – student reflection, used with permission
## Outcomes for CHHF

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Conclusion

• Relevance to nursing education
• Relevance to patient care
References

1. Carolina Honduras Health Foundation. Chhf.org


