A GUIDE TO EDUCATION ABROAD FOR
NURSING
MAJORS

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WHERE HAVE NURSING STUDENTS STUDIED?

These are examples of some locations that Binghamton University Nursing students have studied. There are hundreds of other programs to choose from through SUNY and programs offerings can change each year.

- **UK**: Semester in London (spring)
- **Spain**: Spanish Language & Culture (summer)
- **Peru**: Service Learning in Cusco (summer)
- **Italy**: Istituto Lorenzo de’ Medici in Florence or Tuscania
- **Dominican Republic**: Community Health (winter)
"Transcultural nursing is an essential part of a diverse country we live in... It was humbling and eye opening to see how issues such as housing, food, HIV/AIDS, hypertension, diabetes and much more were so prevalent. The time spent in home visits was extremely valuable in really seeing what you are dealing with. It was also very interesting to contrast MUSA hospital with the Esperanza clinic..."

Read about how to provide transcultural nursing practices and how you can practice transcultural nursing!
WHY YOU SHOULD STUDY ABROAD

You can gain:
- Competencies Employers Seek
  - Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
  - Oral & Written Communication
  - Teamwork & Collaboration
  - Equity & Inclusion
- Connections in your field
- Inspiration

It's affordable and practical:
- Financial Aid is generally applicable
- Find programs without language requirements
- Programs keep you on track with your degree progress

Traveling exposes you to realities and theories that simply don't exist in our educational system.

Why International Experience is Essential for Nurses

Research proves that nursing students and nurses who travel internationally increase in self-confidence and cultural competency skills.

Studying abroad allows nursing students to work directly with diseases not normally encountered in the United States, including polio, Dengue fever, osteomalacia, Raynaud’s syndrome, and many other rare conditions.
Some education abroad programs focus on healthcare and are offered during a winter or summer session. Examples:

- Ireland: University College Dublin Summer Nursing Program (Oswego program)
- India: Research in Public Health (Cortland program)

Other education abroad programs offered during the fall and spring semesters may have course options to fulfill nursing prerequisites, general education courses, or electives. Examples:

- Japan: Waseda University (Binghamton program)
- Netherlands: University College Utrecht (Binghamton program)

GETTING CREDIT

As you choose your program, your academic advisor will help you think through how your credit will transfer toward your degree. Click on the paper icon to the right and scroll through the classes to see what credit students have received on programs in the past.
COURSE MAPPING

Nursing students have some flexibility in their coursework until their third year. Below is one possible way to fit in a semester abroad program during the fall of your sophomore year.

EXAMPLE OF SOPHOMORE FALL STUDY ABROAD

FIRST YEAR

Fall
C or J: Composition I
CHEM 101: Chemistry I
PSYC 111: General Psychology
General Education/Elective

Spring
BIOL 113: Intro to Cell & Molecular Bio
CHEM 102: Chemistry II
PSYC 220: Developmental Psychology
General Education/Elective

Summer before going abroad
BIOL 251: Anatomy & Physiology I
BIOL 347: Anatomy & Physiology II

SECOND YEAR

Fall (ABROAD)
General Education/Elective
General Education/Elective
General Education/Elective
General Education/Elective

Spring
MATH 147/148/PSYC 243: Statistics
BIOL 319: Pre-Health Microbiology
BIOL 329: Pre-Health Microbiology
Lab (optional)
C or J: Composition II
EXAMPLE OF SOPHOMORE SPRING STUDY ABROAD

FIRST YEAR

Fall
C or J: Composition I
CHEM 101: Chemistry I
PSYC 111: General Psychology
General Education/Elective

Spring
BIOL 113: Intro to Cell & Molecular Bio
CHEM 102: Chemistry II
PSYC 220: Developmental Psychology
General Education/Elective

SECOND YEAR

Fall
MATH 147/148/PSYC 243: Statistics
BIOL 251: Anatomy & Physiology I
C or J: Composition II
General Education/Elective

Spring (ABROAD)
General Education/Elective
General Education/Elective
General Education/Elective

Summer
BIOL 347: Anatomy & Physiology II
BIOL 319: Pre-Health Microbiology
Some students find that the summer they're scheduled to graduate is a good time to go abroad, as they await to take the NCLEX-RN (see IEGI advisor for details).

Many prerequisites are offered online and/or in the summer and winter terms, allowing nursing students to study abroad for a semester.

Start planning with your advisor during your first year, if you can!

Winter and summer programs might be a great option! Internship-type programs are also available.

YOUR PLAN

Discuss your plan to participate on an education abroad program with your academic advisor in Decker to finalize what works for you. Click on the image below and print out the form. Decker will work with you to fill out your own plan.
COST AND FINANCIAL AID
Some programs are similar or less in cost than Binghamton University and some are more. It is important to consider financial aid as you plan to go abroad. Some grants and scholarships have specific requirements that you must maintain while abroad. To ensure these guidelines can be met, inform your academic advisor what aid you receive and discuss your plans to go abroad with the Financial Aid office.

TIMELINE
As Early As Possible -
- Discuss your interest in studying abroad with your academic advisor and program advisor in IEGI
- Attend education abroad fairs and info sessions, and talk to education abroad ambassadors to determine the best program for you

Semester Before Going Abroad -
- Discuss the program costs with Financial Aid - bring the costs with you
- Apply for the program on the program website

Application Deadlines - The latest deadline to complete an application for an education abroad program is noted below. Some programs have earlier deadlines.
- October 1 - for a program in the winter or spring semester
- March 1 - for a program in the summer or fall semester
EDUCATION ABROAD PLANNING

APPLICATION PROCESS
Each program can have a different application process. For more detailed information, check the program website. Most applications require:
1. A 24-48 hour waiting period after you start your application,
2. An essay,
3. Your transcript,
4. At least one faculty reference, and
5. Basic information to fill out.
QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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