



Nursing 50:705:396

International Service Learning: Health and Healing in Bolivia Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- How many days do we meet in class?
 - There are 4 mandatory meeting sessions in Camden. There will be 3 face-to-face sessions and 1 hybrid session. Two of the face-to-face will be before the travel date with 1 hybrid, and one final meeting session will be in February after the travel date for closure.
- Are there any summer readings?
 - Yes. You should read **Half the Sky: Turning oppression into opportunity for women worldwide** (2010). Kristof, N., WuDunn, S. Random House, NY. NY ISBN-10: 0307387097
- Should I be fluent in Spanish?
 - No. Spanish fluency is not a pre requisite. You will be provided Spanish immersion lessons in Bolivia.
- Is there course work that is required?
 - Course work required will include reading *Half the Sky* as your summer reading material.
 - You will also be expected to actively participate during class sessions, conduct daily journal reflections during your service-learning days
 - You will also participate in all service-learning activities overseas that will provide you the opportunity to experience firsthand several projects that help to address and overcome public health problems interrelated with education, gender violence, health services, and poverty
- How many credits is the course?
 - It is a 3 credit course
- Will there be an exam in this course?
 - There are no examinations in this course. Your course evaluation will be based on class and service-learning participation, journal reflections, and a final photo journal project due the last day of class.
- How should I pack?
 - You will need to pack a number of items that will be conducive for the work you will be involved in. You will need to bring your Rutgers scrubs and you will be

provided blue scrubs in Bolivia. A list of items will be posted on the syllabus and discussed further in class.

- How many days is our travel?
 - Approximately 21 days from departure day to arrival back in the States.
- What are the dates of our travel?
 - The dates of travel will be from ~12/27 to 1/16. Travel dates are currently being worked out.
- What is required for the travel?
 - You are required to have a passport that does not expire prior to July 2016. You are also required to show proof of yellow fever vaccine, available at certain Walgreens and/or your healthcare provider. A visa upon entry to Bolivia is \$135 and students are responsible for the cost.
- Where will we be flying?
 - We will fly out of Newark airport to Miami International airport. A bus will pick us up from Camden and drive us to Newark airport. From there, we will board a flight from Newark to Miami. From Miami, we will board another flight to La Paz, Bolivia. A smaller plane will take us from LaPaz to Chilimarca, a rural community on the outskirts of Cochabamba, Bolivia. The logistics of travel are still being arranged.
- Where will we stay while in Bolivia?
 - You will stay in 4 bedroom apartments, in a small village, located at the foot of the Andes Mountains. The apartment is gated and secure.
- Is it safe in Bolivia?
 - As with any traveling, you should always use safety measures.
- What if I get sick in Bolivia?
 - A clinical will care for you. As part of your fee, you will be provided with student health insurance that will cover the costs of care.
- What will we do in Bolivia?
 - We will apply our classroom knowledge to helping the community. You will have the opportunity to provide community health services such as health promotion, immunization administration and education.
 - Students will make home visits and help the disadvantaged people of very rural areas.
 - Students will provide health promotion activities in the community clinic, at schools, and spend time working with the community nurse practitioner, physician, and dentist.
- Will there be time to visit other communities and relax?
 - There will be 3 days of tourist excursions that will be planned by A Breeze of Hope
- What is the typical cost of travel?
 - The typical cost will range between \$3500 and \$4000. Final cost is pending the price of airfare and transportation.
- Will financial aid pay for the course and travel?
 - The cost of the travel portion will range between \$3500 to \$4000 for full-time students, which includes: airfare, lodging, meals, all ground transportation, health insurance, and Spanish classes.
 - If you are **not full-time, you will have to pay for the 3 tuition credits**. This class may meet your Transcultural / Diversity elective requirement, however, you must check with your advisor. You must be in good academic standing with a GPA > 2.0 with *no disciplinary actions on your transcript or pending*.
- If I am a part-time student, will financial aid pay?

- Yes, You will have to pay for the cost of the three-credit course along with the cost of travel and accommodations.
- If I am not a student at the Camden campus, do I need to attend classes in Camden?
 - If you are auditing the class, you are not required to attend the classes, but it would benefit your learning. We only meet face to face twice during the fall and once during the spring.
 - It is important that your paperwork and health/travel requirements are completed.
 - You should also read *Half the Sky* as preparatory reading for the travel.
- I am an accelerated student. How will this impact my studies?
 - The face-to-face classes will meet on Fridays and the dates of travel will be over the Winterim break. This course may meet your Transcultural nursing requirement or elective. This should not impact your studies as an accelerated student.
 - Notify your course faculty member so a Friday clinical day is not impacted.
- Will the hours spent overseas be considered contact clinical hours for another course?
 - Unfortunately, this is a 3-credit course and the hours spent during the service-learning are credited toward this course itself. You should discuss this with your advisor to determine if this meets any course work requirements for your program.
- I am a premedical student applying for medical programs. Will I still be eligible to go if I graduate in December?
 - If you are an outstanding student during the fall 2015 semester, you will be eligible to attend the course and service-learning abroad.
- If my major is not nursing, would I still be eligible to go?
 - Nursing majors have a priority in this service-learning experience, however, you may be a candidate if you hold greater than a 2.0 GPA, are in good academic standing with no disciplinary actions or pending on your transcript. Each candidate will be selected on an individual basis.
- I am not in the accelerated nursing program yet, but am a student at Rutgers. Would I be eligible to attend?
 - Nursing majors have a priority in this service-learning experience, however, you may be a candidate if you hold greater than a 2.0 GPA, are in good academic standing with no disciplinary actions or pending on your transcript.
- I have a special diet. Will there be accommodations for my diet?
 - All special diets and meal requests will be accommodated.

