Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program  ●  Spring Break 2013  ●  March 9-17, 2013

Course Name: **Transcultural Healthcare**
Course Number: **NUR 503/633**
Credit Hours: 1 (graduate or undergraduate)

**Course Overview & Objectives:**
This medical service-learning course to Falmouth, Jamaica will provide students with a cultural immersion experience. Students will participate in medical service-learning by volunteering in primary health care in the Falmouth Medical Clinic and primary healthcare clinics at various sites in the surrounding smaller towns near Falmouth; living with the Jamaican people in a hostel on the hospital grounds; visiting a variety of urban and rural sites and areas important to the history of Jamaica; and participating in local cuisine preparation.

Through this course, students will identify at-risk populations for health, evaluate current health care delivery systems, discuss economic, political, social, and cultural factors affecting the health of the population, and examine models of health care in different countries.

**Program Fee:** $1,600

**Program Fee Includes:** Transportation to and from Falmouth, Jamaica, lodging in Falmouth, Jamaica; tour guides, program activities and admission fees; Study Away student fee and basic medical insurance; separated costs not available.

**Program Fee Excludes:**
- Passport fee; taxis for individual excursions; some food and beverages; souvenirs; misc. personal expenses
- $200.48 MSU tuition for 1 hour of undergraduate credit or $242.00 MSU tuition of graduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the Mo. resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

Applications are due by November 1, 2012. A nonrefundable deposit of $240 will be billed to your student account. Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

**Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid**
Study Away scholarship funds in variable amounts up to $2,000 are available to students studying abroad during winter intersession 2013, spring 2013, and summer 2013 terms. The scholarship is need-based for full-time, degree-seeking students with a minimum 3.0 GPA applying for an approved Study Away program. This may be a semester, summer, or short-term faculty led program offered during the terms listed above. Students must complete the application by October 15, 2012 to apply funds to this program.

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Course Schedule & Itinerary

COURSE OUTLINE

Students will meet with nursing faculty sponsors in the Department of Nursing three times for informational sessions about Jamaica, the culture, safety, international travel, and to discuss final arrangements. The travel experience will be one week.

The student experience will include didactic classroom coursework to prepare the students for travel to Jamaica. There will be clinical experiences in health care settings. The faculty will establish learning experiences that examine health care in rural clinics, hospitals, and communities, with the priority of student safety.

STUDY TOUR

Review syllabus, course expectations and assignments, introduction to global issues that have short or long-term effects on specific industries.

Saturday, March 9, 2013
Travel from Montego Bay, Jamaica to Falmouth, Jamaica: arrive and unpack at Falmouth Methodist Church Hostel.

Sunday, March 10, 2013
Settle in Falmouth: experience local religious emersion, unpack medical supplies, tour Falmouth clinic and the city of Falmouth.

March 11-15, 2013
Clinical: 8-9 hours daily clinical, including tours of local hospitals and public health clinics and evening discussion of activities and impressions.

Wednesday, March 13, 2013
Cultural Insights: shortened clinical time to allow for Jamaican cultural experiences on the island.

Saturday, March 16, 2013
Travel to Springfield, Mo.

TRAVEL DATES

Saturday, March 9, 2013
Depart Springfield: for Montego Bay, Jamaica

Sunday, March 17, 2013
Depart Jamaica: for Springfield, MO

POST-TRAVEL CLASS MEETING (TBA)

Focus group regarding program evaluation and recommendations.

Course Credit & Requirements

No prerequisites are required for the course; however, instructor permission is required. The course will meet the 4-year nursing program requirement of an undergraduate nursing elective, required by all generic nursing students. In addition, the course is open to students who are in the health care professions or interested in health care.

Students will be enrolled in a 1-credit hour course at MSU. This includes academic contact and pre-trip reading assignments. While in Jamaica, students are expected to attend educational activities, which are approximately 8-10 hours per day. Other excursions are included in the trip itinerary, but are optional.

Each day, students will participate in the delivery of primary health care in clinics and visit the Falmouth Hospital. The program will place students in a variety of healthcare primary care locations and includes service-learning project with a population. The course will meet the requirments of 48 hours of education for a 1 credit hour course. Wed., Mar. 13, and Sat., Mar. 16, 2013, students will take guided tours of the area to enhance their appreciation of the beauty and history of the people and culture of Jamaica.

Students must fulfill the following academic requirements:

- Meet course objectives
- Participate in online discussions
- Complete all assignments

Assessment of Learning

Clinical hours spent in Jamaica will be graded as pass/fail. Pending successful completion of these components, students will receive a letter grade based upon:

- Weekly Topic Discussion - 150 points
- Assignment 1: Journal - 100 points
- Assignment 2: Pictorial Powerpoint - 100 pts
- Clinical - Pass/Fail

Total Possible Points - 350 points

Required Text: Survival Kit for Overseas Living by Richard Kohls


Application & Payment Procedures

Missouri State University students and others who are approved by a Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of $240 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Nov. 1, 2012). You will receive a second billing on Dec. 17, 2012 and a final billing on Jan. 25, 2013, for the balance of the program fee ($1,360). MSU course tuition ($200.48/$242.00) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of $240 (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Nov. 1, 2012). A check or money order for the balance of the program fee ($1,360) will be due by Jan. 25, 2013. MSU course tuition ($200.48/$242.00) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY, FEB. 25, 2013.

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR’S OFFICE. Estimated program fees are based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% if rates increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies

- Students who withdraw prior to February 8, 2013 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $240 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after Feb. 8, 2013 or a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $240 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after Feb. 8, 2013, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.
- The program will be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 7 participants. In this event, students will receive a full refund.