

COURSE OUTLINE

HEED-227

Cross-Cultural and International Community Service and Learning Practicum

3 Credit Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

The community service and learning practicum provides the opportunity for students to serve in a community health agency. Through community health education these agencies address important and current cross-cultural and/or international health issues, such as AIDS outreach, disease prevention, and wellness education. The goal of the practicum is to develop practical and professional skills in the creation, implementation and evaluation of programs designed to enhance the health of the population. Each student is assigned to a community health agency for eight hours weekly. A two-hour on-campus seminar is scheduled every other week. (9 hours lab)

Overall Objectives

Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Identify emergent health issues that affect both the local and global community.
2. Construct a framework for development of a community health education initiative (i.e. goal statement, objectives, assessment measures).
3. Assist in the implementation and possible evaluation of a health education program.
4. Describe the tools used for assessment of a population's needs.
5. Describe the tools used to evaluate the outcome of a program.
6. Engage in reflective dialogue to promote an ethic of community service learning.
7. Create an end-product (i.e. written paper, visual display board, etc.) to demonstrate the effect the community service and learning practicum had upon the student.

Major Topics

1. Identification of Local and Global Community Health Issues
2. Needs Assessment Tools
3. Creation, Implementation, and Evaluation of a Health Promotion Program
4. Reflection for Critical Thinking

Course Requirements

Attendance and professional behaviors in the community setting

Weekly reports/journal

Seminar participation

Graded paper or oral presentation

Other Course Information

Each student is assigned to a human service agency for eight hours weekly. A two-hour campus seminar is scheduled every other week.

This course may transfer as a Health Education elective. Check your transfer institution for transferability.