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EXPLORING GLOBAL HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES

PROJECT SUMMARY

The purpose of this course will be to expose students to the current state of healthcare in various third world countries. Students will learn various aspects of the current healthcare status of several countries in Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Sub-Saharan Africa. Students will explore governmental healthcare regulations, cultural beliefs and practices that impact healthcare, and the economic development of these countries. The course will be taught by a series of guest lecturers, who would lecture on topics of their expertise. Pending on additional funding, students will be given the valuable experience of teaming with a service organization and travel internationally, on a relief mission, to a community in one of the countries studied during the course. Upon return, students will work collaboratively in developing a publication to document experiences. If monies can not be secured to provide travel, room, and board for the students, the students will still work collaboratively to produce a publication, which would incorporate interviews of mission workers, natives now living in the US, and will serve as reflective documentation of knowledge and experiences gained throughout the course. The objective of this course is to expand students' knowledge of global healthcare disparities by exploring all socioeconomic aspects of the countries studied. It is my hope that students will gain empathy and insight into the healthcare and societal dynamics of other nations, compare those to that of the US, and be motivated to examine and be advocates of change within their own societies in regard to the availability of healthcare and its impacts.