Service Learning Study Abroad Community Health Initiative Guayaquil, Ecuador – 2014

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### BROWARD COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE LEARNING HISTORY

- 2012- Cusco, Perú La Cocina de la Esperanza
- 2013 Cusco Perú Manos a la Obra
- 2014 Guayaquil, Ecuador A Tu Salud Ecuador
- "Do something meaningful, do something truly meaningful, and the meaning of life will be revealed to you." (Service-Learning Guide & Journal)



## **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE LEARNING IN PERU**











## **IMMERSION INTO THE PERUVIAN CULTURE**



Family and Friends









# A TU SALUD, ECUADOR

Community Health Students, Faculty and Tour Guides



BROWARD COLLEGE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE NURSING STUDENTS

# RELEVANT AND MEANINGFUL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Apply the principles of academic service learning to global populations with limited resources.

Analyze the impact of global academic service learning on health screening outcomes of underserved and unserved populations.

Highlight the importance of knowing foreign languages and cultures in our global society, and applying the knowledge in a foreign country.

Illustrate by comparing and contrasting the importance and benefits of providing community service locally and internationally using academic service learning as a teaching-learning strategy to enhance cultural competence among RN-BSN students.



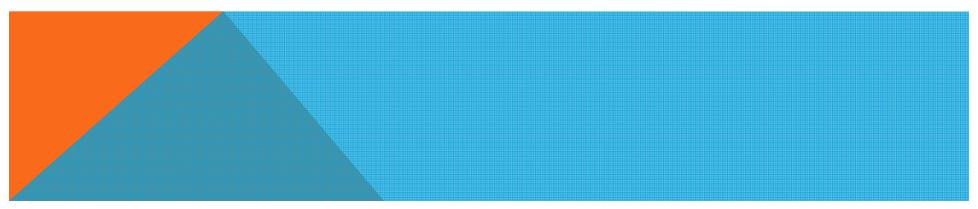
# PROCESSES

SPN 1170 and NUR 4636L: A perfect match!

Selection process: 13 applicants – 11 traveled

**Pre-Travel Meetings:** 

- International Education Department
- ➤Administrative approvals
- > Travel arrangements
- International insurance for students



## **GUAYAQUIL ECUADOR**

### GULF OF GUAYAQUIL

The Gulf of Guayaquil is positioned just south of the <u>Equator</u>, along the northwestern edge of South America. It's bordered by the countries of Ecuador and Peru.

Sitting on the edge of the Guayas River, Guayaquil (Santiago De Guayaquil) is the most populated city in Ecuador, and the country's most important port.

In the northern reaches of the country, coffee beans and other agricultural product are brought south along the Guayas River for export to destinations around the world.



### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE LEARNING - BSN COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING- STUDY ABROAD LEARNING COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

### Lead Faculty

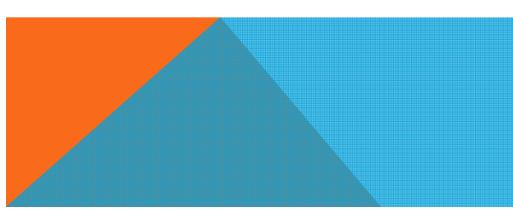
- Professor Claudia Sahagún (SPN 1170)
- Dr. Linda Washington-Brown (NUR 4636L)

### Student Participants

11 – RN-BSN Community Health Students

### Partner Institution

- Broward College Center for American
  Education Guayaquil –
  Ecuador www.browardecuador.com
- President: Dr. Stanley James Whitman



Broward College - Guayquil



# ITINERARY

### Hope Outreach Center: 8 weeks

- Spanish
- Health screenings

### International Service in Ecuador: 1 week

- Spanish
- Health screenings
- Cultural immersion

### Integrated Learning Community:

- Spanish for Travel with emphasis on medical terminology
- Community Health Nursing





# **ENHANCED ACADEMIC LEARNING**

### Hope Outreach Center: 8 weeks

- Spanish Practice
- Health screenings
- Guayaquil Ecuador: 1 week
- Spanish Immersion
- Health screenings
- Cultural engagement





## **PURPOSEFUL CIVIC LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT**

### Local service completed prior to international visit

- Hope Outreach Center Davie, Florida
- 56 Underserved and latchkey children
- Vision, hearing and nutritional screenings
- Referrals



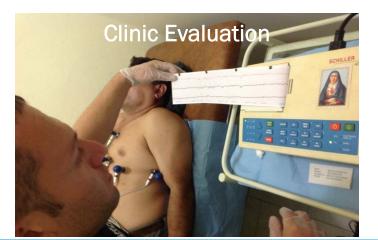
## **PURPOSEFUL CIVIC LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT**

# International Service

- 1. Centro Estudiantil Nueva Vida (2 days)
- 2. Children Center Fundación Madre Dolorosa (2 different locations)
- 3. Clínica "La Casa del Buen Samaritano"

#### A. Screenings:

- Nutritional
- Blood pressure
- Vision and hearing
- Skin, hair and nails
- B. Treatment
- C. Referrals
- D. Donations







# **DAILY SCHEDULE**

| Date         | Departure      | Arrival          | COMMENT             |
|--------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| SAT-3/1/14   | MIA 0530P AA   | GYE 0955 P AA    | Posada stay         |
| SAT 3/8/14   | GYE 1215A AA   | MIA 0535A AA     |                     |
| Daily Events |                |                  |                     |
| SUN 3/2/14   | Meet and Greet |                  | Tour                |
| MON 3/3/14   | Windshield     |                  | Guayas Province     |
| TUES 3/4/14  | Health Screens |                  | Centro Estudiantil  |
| WED 3/5/14   | Health Screens |                  | Centro Estudiantil  |
| THURS3/6/14  | Health Screens |                  | Fundación           |
| FRI 3/7/14   | SWO            | T Report         | BC – Guayaquil      |
| SAT 3/8/14   | Health Screen  | s and Treatments | Clínica - Departure |

## **GUAYAQUIL SERVICES AND CONTACT NUMBERS**

Security: Policia-101and 9-1-1

"General Eloy Alfaro Delgado"

Fire: Cuerpo de Bomberos- 102

"Cuartel No. 6 Cml Maria Vernaza"

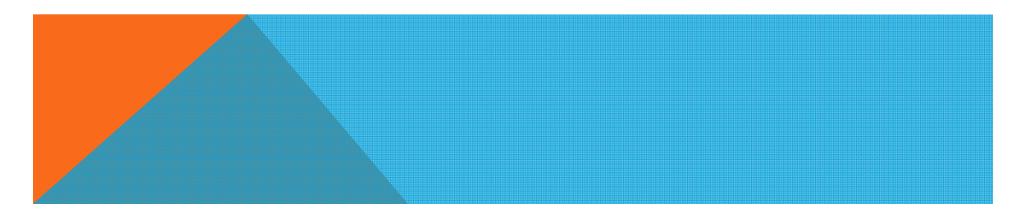
Red Cross – Cruz Roja – 131

Hospital: Luis Vernaza – (593)256-0300

883 beds; emergency care and medical-surgical services.

#### Water Supply: Sanitation not assured

40% boils water; 3% treat w/ chlorine; 22% drink bottled water



## SERVICES PROVIDED ABROAD

Over 340 screenings 200 children treated Over 50 children referred 8 follow ups the next day

CENTRO ESTUDIANTIL, GUAYAQUIL



## SERVICES PROVIDED ABROAD

Height and Weights Vision Screening Hearing Screening







# **CONDITIONS FOUND**

Head lice

Scabies

Tinea corporis (Ring worm)

Impetigo

**Heart Murmurs** 

Tumors

Blindness

Hearing loss

**Dental caries** 

Obesity

Parasites

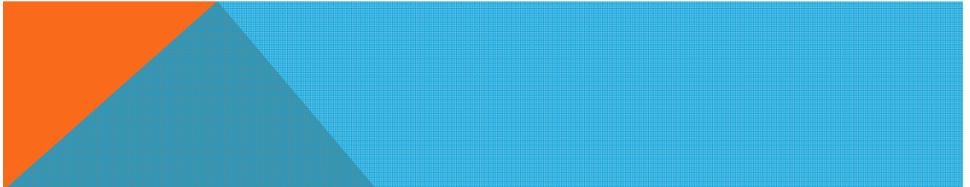
Diabetes

**Urinary tract infections** 



## **CONTAGIOUS AND NON-CONTAGIOUS CONDITIONS**





## INTEGRATED LEARNING ASSESSMENTS

### Cultural

• Pre- and Post Cross-Cultural Adaptability Inventory (Vangent)

Journals

Reflections

Essays

Windshield Surveys

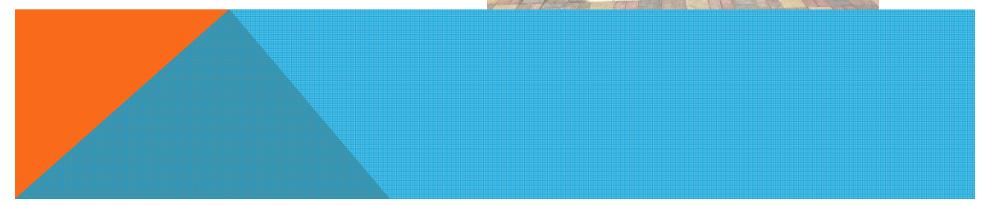
• Pre and Post

Direct observations

Physical assessments

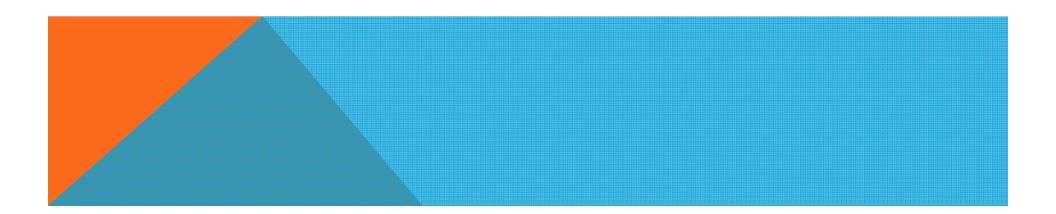
**Data Recordation** 





# **CULTURAL LESSONS LEARNED**

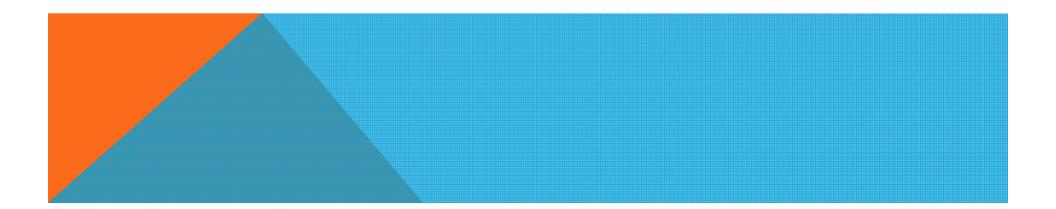
- 1. Concept of Time
- 2. Wanting to please guests at own expense
- 3. Driving issues
- 4. High expectations
- 5. Armed guards
- 6. Bribery
- 7. Public Transportation
- 8. Bathroom issues water and toilets



## CROSS-CULTURAL ADAPTABILITY INVENTORY (CCAI) RESULTS

The results were as follows:

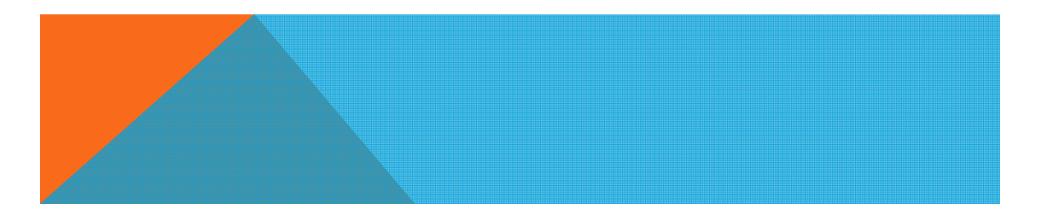
- On the Emotional Resilience Scale, out of 11 students 4 showed an increase in awareness, 6 showed a decrease and 1 remained the same.
- On the Flexibility/Openness Scale , out of 11 students 4 showed an increase in awareness, 5 showed a decrease and 2 remained the same.
- On the Perceptual Acuity Scale, out of 11 students 5 showed an increase in awareness, 7 showed a decrease and 0 remained the same.
- On the Personal Autonomy Scale, out of 11 students 9 showed an increase in awareness, 2 showed a decrease and 0 remained the same.





# **SWOT ANALYSIS**

- Strength: People were receptive to services provided.
- Weakness: Safety (personal and traffic) and sanitary issues prevailed.
- Opportunities: Health, education, and nutritional services.
- Threads: The Ecuadorian culture, such as marked class division (haves and have-nots; quality of life in the city compared to the rural areas) –could be improved but they seem to be content with the conditions.



# **PROJECT OUTCOMES**

- Promoted academic enhancement, personal growth and civic learning in an international setting.
- Provided health care screenings and education to underserved and unserved populations in Guayaquil Ecuador.
- Immersed students in global health care practices as well as academic service-learning projects, both locally and internationally.
- Developed and enhanced student global cultural competences.

# A MEMORABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

### What we left behind

- Education
- Basic Treatment
- Donations: book bags, note books, folders, pens and pencils, ponchos, dental supplies, toys
- Broward College's commitment to it's Mission Statement: "The mission of Broward College is to achieve student success by developing informed and creative students capable of contributing to a knowledge and service-based global society."



OUR FRIENDS









### CHALLENGING

### CONTEXUALIZED



lhe best find way to yourself lose is to yourse in the service of others. \*MAHATMA GANDH

# THANK YOU

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