# The Development and Implementation of Maternal-Infant and Pediatric Global Service Learning Experiences for Undergraduate Nursing Students

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interactive health

education based

upon the evidence



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information into their

Batay communities

## Background

- The AACN has identified BSN education as an area to provide core principles of global health and healthcare
- International healthcare experiences in undergraduate nursing curricula lack guidelines
- Preparing entry-level clinicians in today's complex healthcare markets requires an improved awareness of the globalization of today's society
- Healthcare providers are being challenged with providing care to an even more diverse population
- Nurse educators and leaders recognize that providing opportunities
- Preparing this workforce has to begin with entry-level clinicians, at the Baccalaureate level of nursing education

#### **Purpose & Objectives**

**Purpose** To include a unique global service learning experience in a Undergraduate Baccalaureate and Graduate nursing program in the **United States** 

### **Objectives**

- 1. To apply the concepts of maternal-child, pediatrics, and community health nursing into a global service learning experience
- 2. To build concepts for collaborative learning among junior, senior, second degree, and graduate nursing students
- 3. To collaborate with faculty and mobile healthcare teams in the Dominican Republic in education and health screenings to women, infant, and children
- 4. To provide evidence-based educational programs for the community health workers who serve these peoples in remote communities
- 5. To develop student cultural sensitivity and their role as a global citizen and provider to serve these people

### **Curriculum Preparation**

- Skyping with in country support network, to prepare for experience
- Students researched health care system of the Dominican Republic (i.e. history, culture, health care needs
- Students prepared health education session using evidence from literature
- Faculty prepared and educated students and families on travel, medical, and safety risks specific designated country

# The Mother-Infant/Pediatric Global Service Learning Model Maternal-Child Group Pediatric Group Pediatric Exams Perinatal Exams Perinatal Home Visits **Pediatric Home Visits** Pediatric Health Education Perinatal Health Education **Community Health Worker Education Workshop** Community health Topics were workers disseminated Students developed identified by the

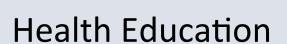
#### **In Country Activities**

community health

workers

- Delivered comprehensive full-day health education workshop for the community health workers
- Collaborated with mobile health team to facilitate assessments and referrals
- Conducted home visits in the Batey community
- Conducted physical and developmental assessments in makeshift on site clinics
- Toured regional health centers: (Public Hospital, Pediatric clinic and Geriatric Center)
- Planned daily debriefing sessions and reflective dialogues related to daily experiences







Health Assessments



Cultural **Immersion** 



**Home Visits**