

# Beyond Borders:

## *A Cultural Immersion and Service Learning Experience*

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### ***Cultural Diversity Experience Objectives:***

At the conclusion of this experience concluding with the individual volunteer cultural activity, the student will be able to:

1. Following a workshop on diverse cultures, describe healthcare delivery issues that are unique to diverse cultures represented in South Dakota Communities.
2. Following a visit to a Hutterite colony, recognize and compare one's own culture with the culture of study and appraise barriers to an openness to cultural diversity.
3. By performing a service requested by a chosen cultural community of study, identify a positive change to which the student contributed.
4. Through a daily written journal, reflect upon and communicate attitudinal analysis with a goal toward behavioral change regarding the culture of study.
  - a. Reflection on each day of cultural immersion week
  - b. Include potential personal biases and barriers to providing healthcare due to these biases. Present potential solutions to provide adequate healthcare despite personal biases
5. Through a poster presentation, using appropriate media display understanding, and portray an aspect of the cultural community of study explored during the volunteer cultural activity.
  - a. Present an aspect of the community new to you
  - b. Include the service you helped provide during your time in the community
  - c. Include statistics/research regarding healthcare in the community chosen
  - d. Include a personal reflection of your experience at the site chosen
6. As a result of observation and participation, practice a broader understanding of human situations affected by cultural issues.

### ***Guidelines/Expectations for Student Cultural Immersion Experience***

1. The Cultural Immersion workshop will occur on August 13 in room L15. Lunch will be provided and a more detailed schedule will be sent out closer to the date.
2. Oaklane Hutterite Colony Experience, Alexandria, SD- We will leave Sioux Falls at 8 am and the experience will end at approximately 2 pm. Students who need to travel to their cultural immersion site can leave after this experience. Please make sure your sites are aware of what days/nights you will be staying in their community.
3. There will be a minimum of 18 hours of service time required for the three days of August 15-17, 2018 but please structure them according to the volunteer regulations at your site.
4. Familiarize yourself with the culture that you choose to be involved with prior to the site visit.

5. The deadline for choosing your site is Monday, June 4, and will be on a first come first serve basis with choice selections. (If there is a site that is not on our list, in which you are interested, please let Erin Parham know). Once you have made your selection and your selection has been approved, please contact the cultural site to discuss expectations, activities, etc. You may even want to discuss appropriate dress code at this time, i.e. some facilities may want you to wear your white coat; others may not.
6. Photo release authorization is required if you plan to utilize pictures of the members of the community that you took on your immersion experience on your poster.
7. Reflect and journal each day of the week (five-journal entries total): August 13-17. Journals are due by Monday, August 20 at 8:00 am CST. Please email journals to [erin.parham@usd.edu](mailto:erin.parham@usd.edu)
8. Poster PDFs are due by Thursday, September 13, by 11:59 pm. *No more than three students per poster.*
9. Poster PDFs need to be approved by faculty before being able to print. You will be notified by September 24, 2018 if any changes need to be made.
10. Poster sessions are on October 22 in Rapid City, October 23 in Yankton, and October 25 in Sioux Falls.  
*\*\*Please note that you will need to notify your attending if missing clinic\*\**

#### **IMPORTANT Due Dates:**

- Site Selection Deadline June 4, 2018
- Journals from Cultural Immersion Week (all 5 days): Due Monday, August 20, 2018 by 8:00 am (email to [Erin.Parham@usd.edu](mailto:Erin.Parham@usd.edu) )
- PDF of poster (No more than three students to a poster): Due September 13, 2018 by 11:59pm (email to [Erin.Parham@usd.edu](mailto:Erin.Parham@usd.edu))

#### **POSTER PRESENTATION DATES**

- Rapid City: Monday, October 22, 2018
- Yankton: Tuesday, October 23, 2018
- Sioux Falls: Wednesday, October 25, 2018  
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