

Exploring Global Patterns of Health and Illness for International Students**REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES****REQUIREMENTS****US Visa**

Participants must secure valid immigration status and authorization before their expected start date and maintain valid immigration status and authorization throughout their stay at Duke. As the sponsoring organization, we will assist with the visa process. Participants should not attempt to secure a US Visa independently without the support of Duke Visa Services.

English Language Proficiency

Students must possess sufficient English proficiency to participate in *Exploring Global Patterns of Health and Illness for International Students* and function on a day-to-day basis in the U.S. It is the policy of the Duke University School of Nursing to consider only those applicants (a) with a minimum TOEFL score of 100 (internet-based test), with minimum sub scores of 22 in Reading, 22 in Listening, 26 in Spelling and 24 in Writing or (b) who achieve an IELTS score of 7.0. A virtual interview by the Senior Program Manager for Visiting Scholars may be conducted to determine proficiency of spoken English and comprehension of oral English. Students from predominantly English speaking countries are exempt from this requirement. Please refer to http://www.myenglishpages.com/site_php_files/reading-english-speaking-countries.php

Arrival to US

All participants **MUST** arrive in the US the day before the program starts. Required visa check-in, ID processing, and pre-requisite activity for international participants will take place early in the morning of the first day of the program.

Accommodations

Participants and students in the program will be staying together in the same accommodation coordinated by DUSON staff. The accommodation details will be provided to the participants as soon as they are available.

Participation and Waiver Agreement

All participants and person of authority at their university (i.e., Dean, Academic Advisor) **must initial and sign** the Participation and Waiver Agreement for the program where indicated and include it with their application. The Participation and Waiver Agreement is attached.

Application

All participants must complete an online application and provide proof of English language proficiency. Click here for the application: [2025 Global Course Application](#). **The application deadline is January 24, 2025.**

All required documents must be uploaded in PDF format and must be in English or include an English translation. Documents submitted in formats other than PDF will not be accepted.

Program Fee

The fee for the *Exploring Global Patterns of Health and Illness for International Students* program is \$4150.00USD per person. This reflects payment for the cost of the program, lodging and ground transportation associated with the program only. The program fee does not include fees associated with obtaining travel documents (such as passports and visas), airfare, wire transfer fees, and meal expenses while in the US. Although some meals will be provided by Duke, participants are responsible for their meals during evenings and weekends.

In addition to the program fee, participants are responsible for the cost of all travel expenses (international and domestic), health insurance, and other expenses in the U.S.

Deposit

Early Bird registration with **deposit of \$500.00 USD due December 20, 2024**

General Registration with **deposit of \$750.00 USD due January 24, 2025**

For General Registration, a \$750.00 USD non-refundable deposit is required at the time of application. Payments must be made via wire transfer. Please see the attached wire transfer payment instructions. It is recommended that one wire transfer be made by the institution to cover the deposit for all participants selected to participate in the program. Participant/institution is responsible for paying the cost of any wire transfer fees imposed by all banking institutions (i.e., \$750.00 USD deposit plus the cost of wire transfer). It is the responsibility of the participants and/or institution to ask their bank if a third party bank institution will be utilized to complete the transfer as third party banks may also impose a fee for the transfer. The participants and/or institution are responsible for ALL wire transfer fees, and such fees will not be applied toward the cost of the program. Proof or receipt of the wire transfer must be received by the Duke University School of Nursing with the applications. Deposits that do not arrive in full due to insufficient funds applied to wire transfer fees (i.e., \$725.00 USD instead of \$750.00 USD) will not be processed until full payment is received.

Final Payment

Payment for the balance of the program is due on April 4, 2025 via wire transfer. Again, we strongly recommend final payment be made via one wire transfer for all participants by the institution to Duke University School of Nursing.

Late Fees

Any balance not paid in full by April 4, 2025 shall incur late charges of \$100.00 USD for each month it is overdue after the due date. This applies to all participants.

Refund Policy

There will not be a refund of the \$750.00 USD deposit to participants who apply, are accepted and voluntarily withdraw from the program. Participants who are denied a US Visa will be refunded their deposit minus a \$100.00 USD processing fee. Participants must show proof from the US Consulate that their visa application was denied in order to receive the refund.

Upon receipt of the final payment, participants who withdraw voluntarily from the program prior to June 1, 2025 will receive a 50% refund of the balance paid (excluding the 750.00 USD non-refundable deposit). Participants who withdraw on or after June 1, 2025 will forfeit **all** program fees paid.

Students will be partially financially responsible for single occupancy accommodations if they fall ill and need to be quarantined.

Deposits and fees paid are non-transferable.

Health Insurance

Participants must obtain and provide proof of medical coverage to the Duke University School of Nursing **three weeks prior** to their arrival in the US. The health insurance policy **must** include coverage for medical emergency evacuation and must be valid through the date of return to participant's home country. Participants should be familiar with their insurance policy and have an understanding of what is covered/reimbursable. Proof of health insurance must be in English or include an English translation.

Transportation to/from Airport

Students must arrive at Raleigh-Durham International Airport. Transportation to Duke will be provided upon arrival to Raleigh-Durham International Airport. Students **must submit their entire flight itinerary to the program director no later than June 16, 2025**. Flight itineraries must be in English or include an English translation.

NOTE: On departure there will be two (2) bus trips from the hotel to Raleigh-Durham International Airport. One will depart at 5:00am (arriving airport at 5:35 am) and the second will depart at 9:00am (arriving airport at 9:35am). **It is important that you plan your departure flights from the US back to your home country accordingly**, as these will be the only two trips provided at no cost to you to the airport. Should your return flight depart earlier than the scheduled bus arrival (i.e., flights departing at 0500), you will be responsible for the cost and scheduling of transportation to the airport. We reserve the right to adjust the transportation times based on flight schedules received from the participants.

Cancellation of Program

DUSON reserves the right to cancel the program due to unforeseen circumstances, high community COVID infection rates, or insufficient participation. In the event the program is cancelled, DUSON will return all non-refundable deposits paid (minus international wire transfer fees).

Dress Code

The dress code for the program is casual. Please be sure to dress comfortably, as the climate can be very hot and humid during the summer. Low cut blouses, open shirts, and clothing revealing a person's abdomen should not be worn. It is important that you wear comfortable shoes for walking and bring outerwear/umbrella in case of inclement/rainy weather. **During the program, you will participate in off-site visits. Please pack casual business attire for these excursions.**

You should also have a sweater for indoors, as some might find the classrooms to be cold due to air conditioning.

Medications

Please be sure to bring sufficient medications. Medications should not be packed in your luggage, but instead placed in your carry-on so that you have it with you at all times. You should inform the program manager of any allergies prior to your arrival.

Emergency Contact

Participants must provide contact information for a family member in case of an emergency.

Non-Student Participants

Faculty, advisors and/or coordinators of international programs from invited institutions are welcome to accompany students to the program. Those wishing to do so are subject to the same visiting scholar application process, guidelines, fees and accommodation arrangements (shared room/double occupancy). Any participant desiring to have a private room will be responsible for the entire cost of the room.

Faculty, advisors and/or coordinators are not allowed to assist or advise students on course work and/or assignments.

GUIDELINES

Integrity Guidelines

Participants are expected to review additional information about the Duke Community Standard and The Academic Integrity Council that can be found at <http://www.integrity.duke.edu>. In all educational, clinical and professional situations, Duke University School of Nursing visitors/students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with these principles: academic integrity, professional integrity and respect for others.

Course Participation and Activities

100% participation and attendance is required of students who are enrolled in Exploring Global Patterns of Health and Illness for International Students. Students are expected to attend class daily, complete required assignments, adhere to the assigned program schedule, participate in all program activities, and deliver an end of program group presentation. Students are expected to arrive on time for all classes and off-site activities.

In order to participate in this program all students MUST have personal laptops.

Family or friends who are not enrolled in the Exploring Global Patterns of Health and Illness program are not allowed to participate in courses or cultural activities.

Course and Teacher Evaluations

During the last week of this program, students must complete an evaluation of the program itself and the faculty who taught it. It is the student's professional responsibility to complete those evaluations and give thoughtful constructive feedback about what worked well and what could be changed to strengthen this program. Student evaluations are confidential, anonymous to faculty, and will in no way affect the student's grade in the program.

Off-site Visits/Cultural Outings

When participating in off-site visits and cultural outings, participants are expected to adhere to and follow the regulations imposed by institutions visited. For safety reasons, participants should remain with the group at all times.

Photography is not allowed at some sites/institutions. Please request permission before taking photographs, especially in hospital/clinic and patient settings.

Safety

Participants are encouraged to explore the campus and city independently during weekends and free time. However, participants should not do so alone. As a measure of safety precaution, participants should go out for meals and exploration in groups.

Alcohol / Drug Policy

Possession, purchase and consumption of alcohol under the age of 21 are illegal in the United States. All of these are criminal offenses and punishable under North Carolina law. Anyone engaged in underage drinking will be terminated from the program and must immediately return to their home country.

Duke University prohibits members of its community to manufacture, sell, deliver, possess, use, or be under the influence of a controlled substance without legal authorization. A controlled substance includes any drug, substance or immediate precursor covered under the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act, including but not limited to opiates, barbiturates, amphetamines, marijuana, and hallucinogens.

The possession of drug paraphernalia is also prohibited under North Carolina state law and university policy. Drug paraphernalia includes all equipment, products and material of any kind that are used to facilitate, or intended or designed to facilitate, violations of the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act.

Consistent with existing state and federal laws and other applicable University and Duke Health or other training site policies and procedures, diversion of controlled substance, record falsification, theft of controlled substances, and drug substitution are prohibited and shall result in corrective action up to and including immediate dismissal. Cases of confirmed diversion will be reported to appropriate agencies, including but not limited to state boards and Drug Enforcement Agencies.

I have read, understand and agree to adhere to all of the requirements and guidelines as outlined above.

Participant Name (Print)

Participant Signature and Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

**Approving Authority (Print)
(Dean/Academic Advisor/Professor at Participant's
University)**

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