

## GLOBAL HEALTH FIELD TRIP<sup>1</sup> GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

**FEBRUARY 17 – 26, 2023 (READING BREAK)**

Complement your classroom learning in NURS 342 Health & Healing VI (Global Health Issues) by engaging representatives of institutions in Geneva that are central to various global health issues. This one-week field trip during reading break will enable you go explore various topics covered in class, including the global health care actors, health care in conflict and post-conflict situations, and nurses as global citizens.

Geneva is home to hundreds of international organizations, including the World Health Organization and the International Committee of the Red Cross. It offers a unique opportunity to understand the mandates and activities of leading global health actors and how the global health system works.

### **Where & When?**

Geneva, Switzerland from February 17 to 26, 2023 (inclusive of travel)

### **Who is eligible?**

Students enrolled in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of the BSN program at College of the Rockies during the 2022-2023 academic year:

- a. Who are in good standing in the BSN program and with no issues related to their progression in the program,
- b. For whom there are no issues related to student conduct that would give the College concern about possible disruptions to the learning environment during the field trip,
- c. Who are able to demonstrate that they:
  - have what it takes to succeed in a group environment,
  - are both curious and sensitive to cultural differences,
  - are committed to representing the College in a responsible manner, and
  - will act in a professional and respectful manner during the field school.
- d. Who are a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident and 19 years of age or older as of the date of travel, and,
- e. For whom there are no impediments with legal or regulatory requirements related to travel to and entry into Switzerland.

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<sup>1</sup> Information as of August 12, 2022.

Priority, through an early-bird application process, will be given to students who applied to participate in the 2022 field trip, which was cancelled.

**What will it cost and what will it include?**

The cost to participate in this exchange has been dramatically reduced thanks to support provided by Global Skills Opportunity.

Global Skills Opportunity seeks to increase the number of Canadian students studying and working internationally, including by widening access and equity in participation by low-income students, students with disabilities, and Indigenous students. Given this focus of the Global Skills Opportunity program, the co-payment required from participating students is as follows:

<b>Low-income students, students with disabilities, and / or Indigenous students</b>		<b>Other students</b>	
Estimated total average cost per student	\$5,200	Estimated total average cost per student	\$5,200
Costs covered by Global Skills Opportunity	-\$3750	Costs covered by Global Skills Opportunity	-\$3,000
Costs covered by the College	-\$700	Costs covered by the College	-700
<b>Co-payment required</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>Co-payment required</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>

The cost includes airfare from Cranbrook to Geneva return, ground transportation, eight nights shared accommodation in the Geneva Hostel, travel medical insurance, farewell dinner, operational costs and a day-long group cultural activity.

**What does this cost exclude?**

Participating students are responsible for meals, souvenirs, extracurricular outings, and other personal expenses. Budget approximately \$500 to \$650 for these costs.

**Where will we stay?**

Students will stay in shared accommodation at the [Geneva Hostel](#).

**Beyond the subsidy provided by Global Skills Opportunity, what other financial support is available?**

Participating students who will incur childcare / caregiver costs in order to travel to Geneva may apply to College of the Rockies receive up to \$250 towards their costs.

**Application procedure and deadlines:**

<p><b>Early bird deadline: September 15, 2022</b> (For 4<sup>th</sup> year students who applied to participate in the 2022 field trip, which was cancelled)</p>	<p><b>Final deadline: October 15, 2022</b> (For remaining places for both 3<sup>rd</sup> year and 4<sup>th</sup> year BSN students)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no need to complete an application form. Rather, confirm your interest by sending an email to Kerry Brinkert (<a href="mailto:kbrinkert@cotr.bc.ca">kbrinkert@cotr.bc.ca</a>), indicating if (a) you are in good standing in the BSN program, (b) you are registered in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the program in 2022-23, and (c) there are any issues with your progression in the program.</li> <li>• Arrange with Tracey Brenton to submit a non-refundable \$500 deposit<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• There is no need to have an instructor who is familiar with you / your abilities submit another reference form.</li> <li>• Applicants will be interviewed and applications will be reviewed to ensure that eligibility criteria are met.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On September 16, 2022, the application process will be open to all 3<sup>rd</sup> year and 4<sup>th</sup> year BSN students.</li> <li>• Submit an application form to Tracey Brenton, International Projects Officer, College of the Rockies (<a href="mailto:tbrenton@cotr.bc.ca">tbrenton@cotr.bc.ca</a>).</li> <li>• Arrange with Tracey Brenton to submit a non-refundable \$500 deposit</li> <li>• Have an instructor who is familiar with you / your abilities submit a reference form to Tracey Brenton.</li> <li>• Applicants will be interviewed.</li> </ul>

**Selection process:**

<p>For 4<sup>th</sup> year students who applied to participate in the 2022 field trip and who apply for the 2023 field trip by September 15, 2022.</p>	<p>For other applicants</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The College will review your past application form and reference and confirm eligibility, and will conduct an interview.</li> <li>• Subject to eligibility being confirmed, the College will provide a space on the field trip to 4<sup>th</sup> year students who previously applied to participate in the 2022 field trip.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your application form, instructor reference and interview will be considered by the College in <u>confirming your eligibility</u> with a view to selecting twelve (12) BSN students.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The College will select the first six (6) eligible Global Skills Opportunity “target group” students who complete application procedures and are determined eligible by the College.</li> <li>• The College will provide the remaining six (6) spots on a first-come, first-served basis to any other eligible students (i.e., “target group” students or other students) who similarly complete application procedures and are determined eligible by the College.</li> </ul>	

<sup>2</sup> Applicants who are not selected will have their deposits refunded. **Deposits for applicants who are selected are non-refundable.** College of the Rockies reserves the right to cancel the program due to insufficient enrollment or other factors beyond its control. In case of program cancellation, College of the Rockies will refund deposits.

### **What happens after I'm selected?**

- You will be asked to sign a letter of agreement in which you will commit to all aspects of the program, conduct yourself in a responsible and professional manner, and comply with the College of the Rockies' risk management plan and emergency protocols for travel abroad.
- Final non-refundable payment is due by October 31, 2022.
- You will be enrolled in College of the Rockies' Global Engagement Certificate of Completion Course, which provides College recognition of enhanced global awareness and intercultural competencies.
- You will be expected to participate in activities and complete assignments related to the Global Engagement course, including four 1.5 hour sessions that will be scheduled between October 2022 and February 2023. Assignments focus on researching practical considerations and cultural aspects related to travel, identifying, assessing and developing strategies to manage risk, and developing strategies to communicate in culturally diverse contexts and manage culture shock
- You will be asked to sign a waiver, the College of the Rockies risk management plan and emergency protocols for travel abroad, and the College's protocols for responsible communications while traveling abroad. In addition, as part of College of the Rockies' risk management plan, you will be asked to register with the federal government's registry of Canadians abroad and provide confirmation that you have reviewed the federal government's advice for travel to Ireland.
- On Friday, February 17, 2023, all participating students will depart Cranbrook for Geneva, Switzerland. (The College will make travel arrangements.) If you have class scheduled on February 17, it is your responsibility to obtain permission to be excused.
- You will return on Sunday, February 26, 2023. In addition to participating in various learning activities in Geneva, you will be asked to complete one reflective essay during your time abroad as part of the Global Engagement Certificate of Completion Course.
- By the end of the Winter Semester 2023, you will be asked to complete the final assignment related to the Global Engagement Certificate of Completion Course. This assignment is to engage in communications activity that describes how your international experience impacted learning in your field of study and / or your career goals and / or your personal growth.
- You will be expected to continuously comply with the eligibility requirements.

### **Will I get credit for participating in this exchange?**

The field trip experience may be used as the basis for individual course assignments subject to the agreement of your instructor(s).

### **Need more information?**

Meet with BSN Instructor Daniel Wiens, or the Manager, International Projects and Partnerships, Kerry Brinkert ([studyabroad@cotr.bc.ca](mailto:studyabroad@cotr.bc.ca))