

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

**FEBRUARY 14 – 23, 2025 (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 to 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 14 to 23, 2025 (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 2024-2025 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 Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents and 19 years of age or older as of the date of travel,
- e. For whom there are no impediments with legal or regulatory requirements related to travel to and entry into Switzerland, and

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<sup>1</sup> Information as of July 26, 2024

f. Who have not previously participated in the Global Health Field Trip.

### **What will it cost?**

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, **the maximum co-payment required from participating students is \$1,750**, which amounts to less than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the total average cost of the experience. In addition, **low-income students, students with disabilities, and Indigenous students can request an additional subsidy, reducing their co-payment to \$1,250.**<sup>2</sup>

### **What does this cost include?**

The cost includes airfare from Cranbrook to Geneva return<sup>3</sup>, ground transportation, eight nights shared accommodation with breakfast, travel medical insurance, a full-day cultural excursion (previous destinations have included Gruyeres, Switzerland and Chamonix, France), museum entrance fees, farewell dinner and operational costs.

### **What does this cost exclude?**

Participants are responsible for meals other than breakfasts and a group dinner, souvenirs, extracurricular outings, other personal expenses and getting to / from the airport in Cranbrook. 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 to receive up to \$250 towards their costs.

### **Application procedure and deadlines:**

- Complete an [online application form](#).
- Arrange with Kerry Brinkert or Tracey Brenton at the International Office to submit a \$500 deposit<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> The additional subsidy is not available to students who have previously participated in a GSO-funded activity.

<sup>3</sup> Depending upon flight schedules, it may be necessary to travel to / from Calgary International Airport on a chartered bus.

<sup>4</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.

- Have an instructor who is familiar with you / your abilities submit a [reference form](#) to Kerry Brinkert or Tracey Brenton at the International Office.
- Applicants may be interviewed by the the Manager, International Projects and Partnerships.
- Early bird deadline for applications from 4<sup>th</sup> year students: September 30, 2024; Final deadline for applications: October 18, 2024.

### Selection process:

- Your application form, instructor reference and a possible interview will be considered by the College in confirming your eligibility with a view to selecting twelve (12) BSN students in accordance with the following priorities:
  - Priority #1: Applicants who are 4<sup>th</sup> year students who complete all steps in the application process by September 30 and who are deemed eligible. These applicants will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.
  - Priority #2: Other applicants who complete all steps in the application process by the final deadline and who are deemed eligible. Following consideration of Priority #1 applicants, these applicants will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis for remaining spaces.

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### 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 College of the Rockies' risk management plan and emergency protocols for travel abroad.
- Final non-refundable payment is due by October 31, 2024.<sup>5</sup>
- You will be expected to provide a copy of your passport to the International Office by October 31, 2024. Your passport must be valid until at least August 31, 2025.
- You will be expected to create a Global Skills Opportunity program profile and complete pre-departure and post-visit surveys. **Failure to comply may result in the College requesting that you repay Global Skills Opportunity funds that have been attributed to your experience.**

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<sup>5</sup> **All payments made to the College 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 payments that have been made.

- 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 November 2024 and February 2025. 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, 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 Switzerland.
- On Friday, February 14, 2025, all participating students will depart Cranbrook for Geneva, Switzerland. (The College will make travel arrangements.) If you have class scheduled on February 14, it is your responsibility to obtain permission to be excused.
- In Geneva, you will be expected to participate in all learning and cultural activities in an engaged and respectful manner. In addition in Geneva, you will be asked to complete one reflective essay as part of the Global Engagement Certificate of Completion Course.
- You will return on Sunday, February 23, 2025.
- By the end of the Winter Semester 2025, 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. Failure to complete all Global Engagement Certificate of Completion course assignments to a defined standards may result in the College requesting that you repay Global Skills Opportunity funds that have been attributed to your experience.
- It is the responsibility of participating students to continuously comply with the College's criteria for eligibility until the date of departure to one's international destination. Those who fail to do so will have their participation terminated and will not have payments made to the College refunded.

### **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 the Manager, International Projects and Partnerships, Kerry Brinkert ([kbrinkert@cotr.bc.ca](mailto:kbrinkert@cotr.bc.ca))