



VIA University
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NURSING EXCHANGE DENMARK (VIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)¹

OCTOBER 2024 – FEBRUARY 2025

Compare and contrast healthcare and nursing education in Canada and Denmark. And collaborate with students from a different region of Canada, then share the results of your collaboration with students in Denmark.

Through a partnership between VIA University in Denmark, Aurora College and College of the Rockies, 2nd year Bachelor of Science in Nursing students will have the opportunity during the Fall Semester to work with Aurora College nursing students on a project related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Participants in this exchange from College of the Rockies and Aurora College will then visit Denmark from February 14-23, 2025 to learn firsthand about nursing and healthcare in Denmark.

This learning abroad opportunity is supported by Global Skills Opportunity (GSO), which is an integral component of the Government of Canada's International Education Strategy. The program aims to increase the participation of Canadians—especially underrepresented students—in international learning opportunities. Global Skills Opportunity is funded by Employment and Social Development Canada, and administered jointly by Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) and Universities Canada.

What, when and where?

- Fall Semester 2024 (beginning in October): Six (6) College of the Rockies students and six (6) Aurora College students will collaborate virtually in small groups, creating a video, presentation or other product that draws upon your group's strengths which focuses on the Sustainable Development Goals.
- February 14-23, 2025: Participating College of the Rockies and Aurora College students will travel to the Central Denmark Region (Holstebro) to engage Danish nursing students and learn about access to healthcare and social determinants of health in Denmark. You will present your Sustainable Development Goals project to students and instructors at VIA University College.

Who is eligible?

- College of the Rockies and Aurora College students enrolled in the 2nd year of the BSN program during the 2024-25 academic year who:
 - a. Are good standing in their program with no issues related to program progression;
 - b. Have no issues related to student conduct that would give College of the Rockies or Aurora College concern about possible disruptions to the learning environment during the field trip,

¹ Information as of September 10, 2024.

- c. Are able to demonstrate that they:
 - have what it takes to succeed in a group environment,
 - are both curious and sensitive to cultural differences, and
 - are committed to representing the participating colleges and their partners in a responsible manner and acting in a professional and respectful manner during the exchange.
- d. Are Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents
- e. Are 19 years of age or older as of the date of travel
- f. Have no impediments with legal or regulatory requirements related to travel to and entry into Denmark

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 approximately 1/3rd 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.**

What does this cost include?

The cost includes airfare from Cranbrook or Yellowknife to Denmark return, ground transportation, six nights shared accommodation in Holstebro including breakfast, two nights shared accommodation in Aarhus, travel medical insurance, farewell dinner and operational costs.

What does this cost exclude?

Participating students are responsible for meals (other than those mentioned above), souvenirs, extracurricular outings, other personal expenses and getting to / from the airport in Cranbrook or Yellowknife. Budget approximately \$500 to \$650 for these costs.

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

- College of the Rockies students who are BC residents may wish to apply for a [One World International Scholarship](#). Contact Marifer Lam (lam@cotr.bc.ca), the College's Financial Assistance and Awards Advisor, for more information.
- Participating students who will incur childcare / caregiver costs in order to travel to Denmark may apply to College of the Rockies receive up to \$250 towards their costs.

Deadline to apply:

- September 30, 2024

Application procedure:

College of the Rockies	Aurora College
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete an application form.• Arrange with Kerry Brinkert at the International Office to submit a \$500 deposit²• Have an instructor who is familiar with you / your abilities submit a reference form to kbrinkert@cotr.bc.ca.• Applicants may be interviewed by the field trip instructor and the Manager, International Projects and Partnerships.	

Selection process:

College of the Rockies	Aurora College
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your application form, instructor reference and a possible interview will be considered by the College in confirming your eligibility with a view to selecting six (6) students who are in the 2nd year of the BSN program during the 2024-25 academic year.	

- Applicants who are not selected will have their deposits refunded. **Deposits for applicants who are selected are non-refundable.** College of the Rockies and Aurora College reserve 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.
- It is the responsibility of participating students to continuously comply with their 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.

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What happens after I'm selected?

- Soon after you are selected, you will be asked to sign a letter of agreement in which you will commit to all aspects of the exchange 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. Aurora College participants will also be asked to commit to compliance with Aurora College's risk management plan and emergency protocols.
- 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 College or the Rockies requesting that you repay Global Skills Opportunity funds that have been attributed to your experience.**
- In October, you will be enrolled in the College of the Rockies' Global Engagement Certificate of Completion Course, which will provide College of the Rockies recognition of enhanced global awareness and intercultural competencies that should result from participation in this exchange.
- 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 September 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.
- In October, you will be introduced to your colleagues from Denmark and then you will be assigned to be part of a small group to begin online collaboration.
- By October 15, 2024, you will provide a copy of your passport (valid until at least August 31, 2025) to the International Office at College of the Rockies.
- Final payment is due by October 15, 2024.³
- You will also be asked to sign a waiver, initial and sign the College of the Rockies risk management plan and emergency protocols for travel abroad, and sign 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 Denmark. (Note: Aurora College participants may be asked to complete additional requirements that Aurora College may have related risk management.)
- On February 14, 2025, all participating students along with the instructors leading this activity will depart Cranbrook or Yellowknife for Denmark. (College of the Rockies will make travel arrangements for all participants.) You will return on February 23, 2025. In addition to participating in various learning activities in Denmark, you will be asked to complete one reflective essay during your time abroad as part of the Global Engagement Certificate of Completion Course.

³ **All payments made to College of the Rockies 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.

- By the end of April 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 (e.g., deliver a 10-minute presentation to peers or another college or public audience, create a video or podcast, provide a blog post & photo for your college’s website, etc.) that describes how your international experience impacted learning in your field of study and / or your career goals and / or your personal growth.

Will I get credit for participating in this exchange?

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Your collaboration with Danish colleagues can be used to augment your learning in NURS 215. For example, when you complete your NURS 215 concept assignment and your Practice Appraisals, you could reference and use your experience.	

Need more information?

College of the Rockies	Aurora College
Meet with BSN Program Coordinator, Shawna Ryan (sryan@cotr.bc.ca), or the Manager, International Projects and Partnerships, Kerry Brinkert (kbrinkert@cotr.bc.ca)	Meet with BSN Instructor Heather LaFoy (hlafoy@auroracollege.nt.ca)

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