

Field Experiences – Glimpses of the Israeli Health System in Practice

Description:

In this course, most learning experiences will consist of off-site visits to health care and other organizational sites. Prior to each off-site visit, Mrs. Wilhelm will provide a theoretical and Israeli context on the site, and guidelines on how to view the site within a health care framework and as active learners. After each off-site visit, the students will have an opportunity to reflect as a group on the visit and the impact on patient care.

Objectives:

1. Understand the evolution of health care in the Israeli context
2. Learn about the population needs and the impact on the health care service
3. Infer the implications of the interactions between the patients and the health care service

	Topics
1	Primary and Prevention Care: Maternal-Child Care – Drop of Milk Clinic (Tipat Halav):
2	Mental Health: National Reform on Mental Health Services
3	Crisis Intervention: Preparation for Terrorist or War-time Trauma and Casualties
4	Acute and Chronic Health Care: Continuity Care Unit
5	Vulnerable Populations: Children with Severe Disabilities

Assignments

1. Write a reflective journal:

For all of the lessons use reflective writing

- A. Description of new learning events
- B. Interpretation:
 - What is important, relevant, interesting, and useful?
 - How is it similar to or different from other services?
- C. Conclusions:
 - What have I learned from this?
 - How will it relates to services in my country?

Grade

Assignment #1 Participation	20%
Assignment #2 Write a reflective journal	80%

Recommended Readings:

Balicer, R. D., Shadmi, E., Lieberman, N., Greenberg-Dotan, S., Goldfracht, M., Jana, L., et al. (2011). Reducing health disparities: strategy planning and implementation in Israel's largest health care organization. *Health Services Research (HSR)*, 46(4), 1281-1299.

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