



Annual Mission Trip Application for Alumni

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Mission Trip Objectives:

The following are objectives for the nursing students through their Medical Mission Trip that will take place March 10-18, 2011:

- To gain an understanding of healthcare needs in international vulnerable populations, with the expectation that this understanding may be applied within vulnerable populations in the United States.
- To learn about and appreciate another culture while being immersed in that culture.
- To support nursing and healthcare to the host country by offering our services which are deemed appropriate by our local contacts.
- To recognize our individual and collective "Call to Serve".

Alumni Qualifications for the Mission Trip:

If chosen as an alumnus, you will have the opportunity to work alongside faculty members to help the students meet the objectives above. Your knowledge as an experienced RN is a valuable resource to the students throughout the trip. Qualifications would include the following:

- Desire to assist current nursing students as they gain an understanding of healthcare needs in international vulnerable populations, acting as a resource.
- Interest in committing to help with planning and fundraising events for the Mission Trip.

Alumni Mission Trip Application Steps:

To be considered for one of the Alumni representative positions, the following steps are required:

- Submit the attached application, essay and application fee in one envelope no later than Monday, September 27, 2010 to Amy Feurer in office 170.
- Sign the commitment statement on the application form.
- Submit a non-refundable \$25 application fee by check, made payable to "Mission Fund." (All fees go directly to the Missions fund.)
- Commit to help with the planning and fundraising events for the trip.
- Attend at least 4 of the 8 Transcultural Nursing classes with the student team members prior to the trip.
- Attend an interview with the selection committee if selected as a finalist.

For specific questions regarding the application process for the Annual Student Mission Trip, please see Mrs. Feurer:

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Alumni Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Alumni Commitment Statement

“I, _____, understand that submission of this application constitutes a commitment to participate in the Transcultural Nursing course, a commitment to at least four (4) group meetings for trip preparation, completion of a physical by a healthcare provider, a commitment to follow recommended vaccinations/prophylactic medications, follow through with pre-trip fundraising and mission activities, to go on the trip, and to assist with post-trip fundraising. I also understand that if I should not be able to go on the trip for any reason, I will reimburse the College for any monies already spent on my behalf for Airfare, lodging, meals, etc. as well as any differences in cost that may occur as a result of cancellation fees and finding a replacement for me.”

Signature _____ Date _____

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On a separate piece of paper please answer the following questions in essay form.

1. Why do you want to go on this medical mission trip?
2. How do you think your experience as an RN will help the students?
3. What do you have to offer the people of Haiti as you enter their world, where you are a stranger?
4. How will you be respectful of their culture, values, and beliefs while offering nursing care?
5. Describe any previous community service experience in which you have participated?
6. What contributions have you made to the SGO group at BSMCON, the community, and/or fundraising for previous Medical Mission Trips?
7. Since graduating from our program, what community service activities and/or BSMCON activities have you been involved in?
8. What ideas do you have for fundraising for the Mission Trip?

Please note that the application packet is due no later than Monday, September 27, 2010.

Application packet should be returned to Amy Feurer in room 170 at BSMCON.