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# FOOTSTEPS of the SISTERS

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QUESTIONS

## the BALTIMORE to PARIS PILGRIMAGE

STUDY ABROAD | SUMMER 2020

### What are the dates of the experience?

The 10 day study abroad will be scheduled in either June or July 2020. Exact dates will be available by September, 2019.

### What is the itinerary?

Tentatively the following itinerary is in place, and is subject to change:

- Day 1 Travel to Baltimore, MD to experience the site of the first Bon Secours USA hospital
- Day 2 Explore the archives at the Bon Secours Retreat Center and travel to Paris
- Day 3 Arrive in Paris
- Day 4 Double decker bus exploration of Paris—explore famous sites
- Day 5 Day trip to the Becordel and Ameins, France
- Day 6 Tour Bon Secours Motherhouse, St. Sulpice, Luxemburg Gardens, and the gravesite of the first sisters
- Day 7 Day trip to Vendome, France and explore healthcare in France
- Day 8 Day trip to Versailles, France
- Day 9 Closing celebrations
- Day 10 Return to Richmond, Virginia

### What are the physical demands of the trip?

On the trip be prepared to expect long days, plenty of walking, and lots of stairs. We will be using mass transit and most places do not have air conditioning. Average daily walking distance is approximately 3-10 miles a day. Good walking shoes will be required. You will need to be flexible with itinerary adjustments that are out of our control.

### What is the cost?

- Tuition and fees for the 3 credit course — \$1,455
- Trip fee \$3000 — covers transportation, lodging, group tours, and some food
  - \$500 due October 1
  - \$1000 due January 1
  - \$1000 due March 1
  - \$500 due May 1
- Students will need \$300-500 spending money to bring with them to cover some food, individual activities, and shopping.
- If you are interested in learning more about using financial aid for both tuition and trip fees please contact Kelley A. Florian, Director of Financial Aid at [bsr-confinancial@bshsi.org](mailto:bsr-confinancial@bshsi.org) or call 804-627-5350.

### How and when do I apply?

Applications can be found at <http://www.bsmcon.edu/news>. Applications for early acceptance are due July 15, 2019. Last day to submit application is due September 6, 2019.

Application includes responding to 5 short essay questions:

- Describe your call to serve.
- Describe what you expect to gain personally and professionally from participating in the course.
- Describe what you hope to see, do, and/or experience.
- How do you plan on paying for this experience?
- Provide any additional information.

### When will I receive communication about being selected for the trip?

Early Acceptance for applications received by July 15: August 1, 2019

Acceptance for applications received by September 6: September 20, 2019

### What course is associated with the study abroad experience?

Rooted in the Past, Standing in the Present, Reaching toward the Future: Awakening Your Call to Serve

### What is the purpose of the course?

The focus of the course is to explore the footsteps of the Bon Secours Sisters as a means to cultivate one's call to serve. Students will explore the history, present, and future work of Bon Secours and reflect on one's journey of being and becoming a servant leader.

### Who is eligible to participate in the experience?

All students admitted to the BSN or RN-BSN program. College faculty and staff are open to apply as well for no academic credit.

### Tell me more about the course.

The course is 3 academic credits and will count for a general education course. This course may also substitute for a nursing elective if the student chooses.

- Module I: Formation (pre-excursion)
  - Preparatory readings and website exploration assigned
  - Create personal learning objectives
  - One face-to-face class prior to the trip – TBA
  - Personal learning objectives and Formation Presentation (20%) of grade
- Module II: Experiential Learning (excursion)
  - Participate in study abroad experience (~10 days)
  - Reverent engagement (50%)
- Module III: Commitment (post-excursion)
  - Reflect on one's learning and commitment to serve others
  - One face-to-face post-trip class – TBA
  - Post-excursion reflection assignment (10%)
  - Cumulative paper (20%)

### What is reverent engagement?

In this course there is a mixture of guest, faculty, and student presentations and active participant engagement. It is expected that students/participants commit themselves to fully experience the purpose of the trip. There will be opportunities for prayer and reflection, as well as contributing to the knowledge of the group. Reverent engagement is a spiritual journey that requires one to intentionally and prayerfully center oneself to be authentically present in the moment. Participants will be encouraged to use quiet time for self-reflection and to share their learning with the group.

### Do I have to be Catholic or Christian to participate?

No, you do not need to be affiliated with a particular religious tradition; however, you need to be comfortable with participating in Catholic services and Biblical references. The textbook for the course is *Lead Like Jesus* by Ken Blanchard. The text uses Jesus as the ultimate example of a servant leader.

### What are the accommodations?

All accommodations are religious housing. In Maryland we will stay at the Bon Secours Retreat Center and in Paris we will stay at Accueil Barouillère in Paris. Accommodations include small, private rooms with a modest bed and bathroom. TVs, phones, and wifi are limited. These accommodations support the spiritual intent of the experience.

### What are the travel plans? Will everything be done as a group?

The group will travel together to Baltimore, Maryland then fly to Paris from Washington DC. In Paris, there are group excursions with some individual offered.

### What if I have additional questions?

Please contact Dr. Perkins at [Chris-Tenna\\_Perkins@bshsi.org](mailto:Chris-Tenna_Perkins@bshsi.org) or 804-627-5352. Questions about financial aid can be directed to Ms. Kelley Florian.



**“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
which God prepared in advance for us to do,” – EPHESIANS 2:10**