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# FOOTSTEPS of the SISTERS

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QUESTIONS

## the **BALTIMORE to PARIS PILGRIMAGE**

STUDY ABROAD | SUMMER 2019

### What are the dates of the experience?

The study abroad will be scheduled between June 23 - July 3, 2019.

### What is the itinerary?

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

- Day 1 Travel to Baltimore, MD and tour the first USA Bon Secours 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 Notre Dame
- Day 7 Day trip to Vendome, France and explore healthcare in France
- Day 8 Day trip to Versailles, France
- Day 9 Visit the cemetery of the first sisters and ceremony at the Motherhouse
- Day 10 Return to Richmond, Virginia

### 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?

For the most part the group will travel together. The group will either take a train or van to Baltimore, Maryland then fly to Paris from either Baltimore or Washington DC. In Paris, the group will have trips coordinated and experienced as a group. Some individual time will be offered.

### What is the cost?

- Tuition and fees for the 2 credit course
- Up to \$4000 for an all-inclusive trip
  - Travel (ground and air)
  - Food (some)
  - Group Excursions
- Initial deposit of \$700 due October 22, 2018
- If you are interested in learning more about using financial aid for both tuition and trip expenses, please contact the financial aid office.  
Kelly A. Florian, Director of Financial Aid  
bsr-confinancial@bshsi.org; 804-627-5350

### How much spending money will I need to bring?

That depends on how much you want to spend on shopping, additional excursions during free time, and amount spent on meals.

### How and when do I apply?

Applications can be found at <http://www.bsmcon.edu/students/resources> and are due October 1, 2018. Application includes responding to 5 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?

October 8, 2018

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

NUR 4330 – 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 to cultivate one's call to serve. This course includes a pilgrimage to Bon Secours Retreat and Conference Center, Bon Secours Baltimore hospital, and Bon Secours Paris. Students will explore the history, present, and future work of Bon Secours to reflect on one's journey of being and becoming a servant leader.

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

All nursing students in good standing who have completed NUR 1100 and NUR2100 or NUR3208 and NUR3240 are eligible to participate. College faculty and staff are open to apply as well for no academic credit.

### Tell me more about the course.

The course is 2 academic credits and will count as the nursing elective requirement. Within the summer 2018 session, the course will include the following:

- 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 (25%) 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 (25%)

### What is reverent engagement?

In this course there is a mixture of guest, faculty, 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 prayer 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 physical demands of the trip?

On the trip be prepared to expect long days, lots of walking, and lots of stairs. We will be using mass transit. 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 if I have additional questions?

Please contact Dr. Perkins at [Chris-Tenna\\_Perkins@bshsi.org](mailto:Chris-Tenna_Perkins@bshsi.org) or 627-5352. For questions about financial aid, please contact Ms. Kelly Florian as described above.



**"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**