

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH INTERNSHIP IN BANGLADESH

The situation

Bangladesh faces many challenges. Nurses are poorly-trained, poorly-paid, and disrespected as professionals. Nurse educators are often far-removed from practice and out-of-touch with the necessary skills. Since 2004, Canadian volunteers have been educating RNs at the BSN level. Presently there are about 80 students; the first batch graduated in September 2009. In partnership with progressive hospitals in Bangladesh, we also provide upgrading for their nursing staff.

Host organizations

College of Nursing, International University of Business Agriculture and Technology in Dhaka Bangladesh www.iubat.edu. IUBAT is a private not-for-profit university committed to social development and access for poorer students. All classes are taught in English.

Mid-Main Community Health Centre is a non-profit community health centre in Vancouver BC. www.bangladeshhealthproject.com

Details of internship

Our preference is minimum six months internship (dates adjustable). Interns will receive room and board in international faculty guest house and a stipend for local costs.

Typical job duties

1. Teach students in the BSN program within scope of expertise, including clinical supervision. (Lectures already prepared by Canadian faculty.)
2. Work with community partners in Bangladesh (e.g. hospitals, NGOs) to develop learning opportunities, clinical assignments and action research projects.
3. Strengthen course offerings by developing e-learning and library references and audio-visual resources. Organize course materials.

Qualifications and personal characteristics required

Undergraduate degree in a health discipline (e.g. nursing, medicine, pharmacology, rehab sciences). Basic proficiency in information technology and teaching. We are also willing to support candidates with a different skill set (e.g. diploma nurse with clinical experience enrolled in BSN upgrade or other academic placement).

The personal qualities that we seek are:

- Interest in international development and health care issues in South Asia
- Ability to work independently in a collaborative team setting
- English-speaker with ability to work across language and cultural boundaries
- Attention to detail and follow-through
- Flexible approach and willingness to adapt to local conditions.

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