



HOSPITAL INFANTIL WORK PRACTICUM HOSPITAL INFANTIL DE LAS CALIFORNIAS Tijuana, Mexico 2007

The Hospital Infantil de las Californias, (HIC) provides state-of-the-art medical care to children living on both sides of the California and Mexico border. The majority of the patients are from Mexico, but the hospital also serves children living in California who otherwise do not have access to adequate medical care. Many families prefer to receive care in their own cultural setting and in their native language. Students from programs in the Faculty of Health and Community Studies will have the opportunity to participate in an appropriate work experience course for 6-10 weeks at the Hospital Infantil de Las Californias in Tijuana, Mexico. Students will travel to Tijuana in interdisciplinary teams to not only practice in their discipline area, but also to participate in a project with students from other disciplines.

The facility is strategically located two miles from the UABC Medical School, the Tijuana International Airport and is ½ mile into Mexico at the San Diego, U.S. -Mexican Otay border crossing

COURSE DATES

Arrival Date: May 4, 2007
Practicum Dates: May 4 – June 12, 2007

COURSE FORMAT

The Hospital Infantil De Las Californias International Work Experience Project will provide MRC students in the Faculty of Health and Community Studies with the opportunity to gain a broader experience of in an international setting.

This experience will enable students to gain an appreciation of diversity and global perspectives in their field of study; expand students understanding and awareness of another culture; and, challenge students to open themselves to new and alternative ways of thinking about their chosen profession.

The work experience component will be delivered for the following formats:

- Bachelor of Applied Child Studies: 450 hour DFS (a portion of these hours may be completed at MRC prior to traveling) (CHST 3010).
- Bachelor of Nursing: AU at MRC: 315 hour Clinical Practicum (Nursing 5583).
- Child and Youth Care Counsellor Diploma: 420 hour practicum (CYCC 1241/42).
- Disability Studies Diploma: 180 hour practicum (DAST 1263).
- Early Childhood Care and Education Diploma: 370 hour practicum (ECCE 1285).
- Social Work Diploma: 350 hours practicum including 3 hours tutorial biweekly (SLWK 1297).



PROGRAM COSTS - \$1800 CAD

Includes 5 week Hospital Infantil rotation fee, Hospital Infantil registration fee, cultural immersion fee, homestay placement (five weeks), international education application fee, and pre-departure orientation.

PAYMENT PROCESS

International Study Tour/Fields School Fees are payable in person at the Fees Office. Please indicate that payment is for an International Study Tour/Field School.

1st Payment (<i>Non-Refundable Deposit</i>)		\$100
2nd Payment	February 15	\$850
3rd Payment	April 1	\$850

* subject to change

TUITION

Tuition fees are payable at the Fees Office by the appropriate semester deadline.

NURS 5583	(9 credits)	\$1044.45
CHST 3010	(15 credits)	\$1740.75
CYCC 1241/42	(6 credits)	\$607.80
ECCE 1285	(6 credits)	\$607.80
DAST 1261/63	(3 credits)	\$303.90
SLWK 1287/97	(7 credits)	\$709.10

AIRFARE & PERSONAL EXPENSES

Students will be responsible for airfare, airport transfer, passport, police check and spending money. Flight arrangements will be made by student.

GRANT

Overall funding is limited and as such the amount of the grant will be based on the funding available and the location of international experience. Students will be required to apply before March 30, 2007. Bursary Guidelines will be provided to the students at the 1st meeting. This grant will be used to cover costs associated with your airfare to San Diego and medical insurance.

ACCOMMODATION

The Hospital Infantil de Las Californias will arrange homestay accommodations for participating students. Students will be notified of their homestay placements prior to departure.

INSURANCE

MRC requires that students participating in an International Study Tour/Field School or Exchange must purchase health insurance. Health insurance will be provided through StudentGuard and will cost \$1.45 per day. The Office of International Education will enroll students in insurance, upon receipt of their travel itinerary, and based on the departure and return dates indicated.

AIR TRANSPORTATION & ARRIVAL

Students will be responsible for booking air transit from Calgary to San Diego and should plan to travel together. Students will transfer from the San Diego Airport to the Hospital where they will then be taken to their homestays in Tijuana.

DOCUMENTS

Students will require a tourist / internship visa. Arrangements will be made by the student directly with the Mexican Consulate in Calgary. Students will require a valid passport.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students are required to consult with their appropriate department advisor and submit an application portfolio to Patricia Kostouros, Faculty Instructor, Child & Youth Studies.

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT

In addition to assistance provided by the Faculty of Health and Community Studies, logistical support will be provided by the Office of International Education. Please contact Trinda Gillies at (403) 440-5002 or by email (tgillies@mtroyal.ca) for more information.

