NEW COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Global Health Challenges - China Case Study (Field Course)
PHC 6934

University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Department of Global Health in collaboration with USF Confucius Institute and Nankai University

3 credit hours
Summer Semester A (2010)

Anticipated dates: Depart Tampa on May 17, 2010 – departing Beijing to return home on June 7, 2010 (we will travel as a group for logistic and safety reasons and to take advantage of possible discounted group airfares).

Linked course: Students are strongly recommended to take Global Health Challenges – China Study (Seminar) Spring Semester 2010 (1 cr hr), in preparation for this field course.

Course Description:

This travel abroad course compares the practice and venues of public health in the People’s Republic of China with those in the United States. Health issues unique to and associated with China are examined. The course will be conducted at Nankai University in Tianjin, China, by faculty from Nankai and USF. The focus is also on Chinese public health delivery, healthcare system organization, planning, implementation, coordination and administration of health programs, resource availability, health communication mechanisms, application of research principles, and the overall status of public health in China.

Course Director and Instructor:

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Affiliated Faculty:

Nankai University faculty, to be announced
List of Topics:

- Sources of health including the historical influences on social and cultural environments.
- Analysis of socio-cultural factors that influence health status and behavior.
- Status of healthcare reforms in China
- Official and other non-governmental agencies responsible for safeguarding health and the integration of health promotion in various settings, including environmental health issues, population control policy, and industrial safety.
- History and evolution of the Chinese health and social insurance system, including their impact today on selected populations (e.g., migrant populations, rural farmers, factory workers)

Course Highlights

Planned visits include to:
- Nankai University - Zhou Enlai School of Government;
- Tianjin City local government office;
- Tianjin Bureau of Public Health;
- Nankai University - School of Medicine and teaching hospital;
- Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) clinic,
- TCM herbal apothecary; possibly acupuncture practice
- Nankai College of Chinese Language and Culture;
- Nankai University - School of Economics;
- NGO – Tianjin Women’s Business Incubator;
- Nankai University - College of Environmental Science and Engineering;
- Chinese Environmental Agency monitoring site;
- Rural village in Hebei Province, including visit to a Rural Health Clinic
- Chinese Center for Disease Control Agency office;
- TEDA (Tianjin Economic and Technological Area) enterprise workplace

Cultural and leisure events

TIANJIN
City tour of Tianjin City and surrounding area - including visits to Tianjin Museum
Port of Tianjin, and the Tianjin International Exhibition Center

BEIJING:
Beijing City – Forbidden City, Beihai Park, Tiananmen Square
Environs near Beijing - Summer Palace, Olympic Village and Temple of Heaven
Great Wall and Ming Tombs north of Beijing
Peking Opera performance

Free time for shopping and personal sightseeing (possibly take high-speed train to Beijing; at 350 km/h the Tianjin-Beijing train is among the fastest in the world approximately $28 R/T)

Financial aid

Scholarships are available through the Confucius Institute, USF to partially support travel costs. Details will be announced in the Spring Semester 2010.

Cost

Prices will be finalized and announced early in the Spring Semester 2010. They will include group airfare R/T Tampa – Beijing; airport pickup; ground transportation on organized course activities including leisure excursions (but not including personal travel e.g. high speed rail tickets), and accommodation (double occupancy, single beds) will be at the Nankai University Foreign Student Dormitory, which is an upgrade from local Chinese student dorms which have more students per dorm in bunk beds, hostel style. We have decided that food will NOT be included in the price so that our students do not have to be forced to pay to eat unfamiliar institutional cafeteria food for three weeks. However you may choose to eat at the student cafeteria if so inclined, as they are the cheapest. Numerous inexpensive cafes, bistros and restaurants are within walking distance or a short bus ride from Nankai campus, and they include international foods such as pizzas, pasta, burgers and salads. You can Google the Tianjin and Nankai University area joints and will see a wide variety of reasonably priced establishments recommended by international students. A favorite haunt of students is the Ali Baba, an Indian restaurant near by the campus recommended by seemingly generations of American, Italian, Canadian, Swedish and Australian students! If you choose local Chinese food, then there are literally scores of restaurants and cafes nearby - from local Tianjin dishes (noodles, dumplings, etc) to regional cuisine from other provinces and these will also be very inexpensive compared to US prices.
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NEW COURSE IN GLOBAL HEALTH

Global Health Challenges - China Case Study (Seminar Course)
PHC 6934  (1 credit hour) Grading policy: S/U

Spring Semester (2010)

University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Department of Global Health, Wednesdays at 5.15 – 6.10 pm Classroom to be announced

Linked course: Students are strongly recommended to take this course if they intend to take “Global Health Challenges – China Case Study (Field Course)” PHC 6934; 3 credit hours, Summer 2010 in Nankai University, Tianjin, China. Selection of students enrolling for that Summer course will be based, in part, on the performance in this course. Those not interested in the study abroad Summer course but who are interested in the public health situation in China will also be welcome.

Course Description:

This course will be conducted as a series of discussions led by the instructor and presentations by students based on their readings on issues that compare the practice of public health as they occur in the People’s Republic of China with those in the United States. Health issues unique to and associated with China will be examined. It is an excellent preparation for those intending to take the Summer 2010 study trip to China. Those interested in general social issues in the world’s fastest growing economy, and a country with increasing global influence over your future career opportunities, are welcome to take this course even if you do not intend to travel to China.

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