

Buntain School of Nursing (BSON)
International Travel Policies
2018-2019

1. Students are expected to attend all pre-trip meetings.
2. Students are responsible for obtaining medical clearance and appropriate immunizations and prophylactic (e.g., anti-malarial) medications. These immunizations and medications should be obtained through the student's own health care provider and/or a provider who specializes in travel medicine. A host clinical site or the University may require that students obtain certain immunizations or prophylactic medications in order to be eligible to participate in a given course experience to a cross-cultural setting.
3. Team members who are taking medications to manage chronic or recurrent health conditions are strongly encouraged to travel with twice the amount of medication normally required to cover the time period of travel. For ease of passing through any customs inspections, prescription medications should bear a label indicating patient name, drug, dosage, date, and prescribing practitioner.
4. Alcohol, tobacco, and recreational drugs are not allowed in any form. This applies to any use, transportation, or possession of any of the above substances from the time of assembly of the team for departure until the disbursement of the team on return.
5. Team members agree to abide by the behavior and dress codes set by the faculty for each trip. Team members agree to respect the judgment and position of the faculty member in these matters at all times. This includes purchase of souvenirs, use of jewelry, clothing style, hairstyle and make-up, which shall be appropriate to the cultural setting. **Team members must see themselves as guests who are there to serve, not to be served.**
6. Each team member will be responsible for his/her own belongings at all times and must account for checked baggage at all checkpoints and/or transfers. In addition, members may be given team items to check and transport. These items become the responsibility of members just as their own belongings.
7. The group will function as a cohesive team at all times. Accountability to the faculty member(s) is mandatory at all times. Schedules must be followed for all but not limited to the following: lights out and quiet time, wake up, devotions and other meetings, class and work schedules, and meals. **At all times, including free time, faculty must approve of outings and must know where each member is so communication can occur as in cases of emergency or disaster.** Students travel to and from an international clinical site as a team (i.e., no individual variations to team flight reservations to extend stays or add travel destinations). Students' family members and friends outside of the nursing program are not invited to accompany the team.
8. There will be no vehicle driving in a foreign country, except by faculty.
9. Personal expenses (e.g., toiletry items, souvenirs) will be the responsibility of individual team members and will be paid by him/her at the time incurred.
10. Team members will never leave the residence at their cultural site without being accompanied by another team member or faculty. A male and female student must have a third person present on outings. In some cultural sites, a male student or male faculty member must accompany the female students.
11. Male/female relationships: During BSON travel, unmarried people will refrain from any physical contact displaying affection. Trips are for the purpose of ministry and education, not individual courtship.
12. Team members understand that although the BSON takes measures to promote health and safety for students and faculty while involved in travel-based learning experiences the BSON cannot guarantee 100% healthful and safe conditions during these travel experiences. The student acknowledges that she/he may encounter health and safety risks in daily experiences in her/his home environment. Such risks may be heightened while traveling for the purpose of learning about life, health, safety, and ministry in another global setting. The student must keep travel documents (i.e., passport, immunizations, and airline tickets, etc.) with them at all times unless the faculty

leader directs otherwise. The student is encouraged to review U.S. State Department and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advisories with regard to her/his destination.

13. It is the student's responsibility to communicate, verbally and in writing, with the lead faculty member overseeing NURS 4963 Nursing Practice as Ministry course regarding pregnancy or potential pregnancy. Since there is potential for exposure to various health risks (i.e., for the mother and her unborn child) while providing care, written clearance from the student's personal health care provider must include verification that the student is able to attend the assigned clinical. In addition, the host clinician at the destination site and the lead faculty for the NURS 4963 course must agree that it is safe for the student to attend, or continue to progress at the assigned clinical site. Additional travel costs that may be related to pregnancy are the responsibility of the student. If the student, by reason of pregnancy, is unable to continue in the assigned clinical site, the student will need to take or re-take the NURS 4963 the following school year or when it is safe for her to do so.
14. Nursing faculty members are concerned about providing optimum learning environments for students. In the event of unanticipated circumstances, beyond control of the faculty, destinations may be changed for the purposes of assuring adequate learning experiences in an appropriate environment. If the student is unable to complete the clinical assignment due to illness, or family emergency, the student will need to take or re-take the NURS 4963 course the following year. If the student has significant concerns and thinks a particular clinical site is unsafe, or if there is another legitimate reason why the student is unable to travel to the assigned clinical location, the student is encouraged to appeal the destination assignment to the Course Lead Faculty. As with other types of determination, if deemed necessary, the student may subsequently appeal the destination assignment to the Dean of the BSON and the Northwest University (NU) Provost.
15. An aspect of the cross-cultural experience is to understand the variation in communication, such as limited Internet access, limited phone service, and limited reliability of mail service. The BSON makes efforts to maintain channels of communication for periodic contact and emergency contact. Daily contact with friends and family back home is discouraged because such frequency of contact tends to detract from the student's focus on learning from others at the cross-cultural site. Unscheduled emergency communication may inconvenience hosts or cause them to expend limited resources. For this reason, emergency communication requests should be limited to issues such as a health crisis or to reassure others that the individual is safe despite an international political incident or natural disaster. Contact with others at home is limited to once a week if possible. Contact with other cross cultural teams is discouraged.
16. The BSON maintains that social media networking is strictly a personal activity and any participation in such will be consistent with the [American Nurses Association's \(ANA\) Code of Ethics](#) as well as [Northwest University's Lifestyle Standards](#). See [Social Media Networking Policy and Guidelines](#).
17. It is understood and agreed to by all members of the BSON ministry team that the code of conduct described in this document, and other requirements set forth by Northwest University (as in the NU Academic Catalog, NU Student Community Handbook, and BSON Student Handbook) are mandatory behavioral standards. The BSON reserves the right at all times to deny participation, or terminate participation, in any trip or event when this agreement is not honored. At the discretion of the accompanying faculty, at any time, any participant may be required to terminate his/her participation with the team and be sent home at his/her own expense.
18. Release of Claims; Indemnification; Hold Harmless. I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Northwest University, its officers, directors, employees, and agents (collectively, "NU"), from all claims and liabilities of any kind, whether known or unknown, including, but not limited to, claims based on the negligence of NU (whether individually or collectively), related to or arising from my participation in or travel to or from the Program.

Student Signature

Date

Student Name (Please print)