

Interprofessional Exploration of Aging, Health, and Mental Health in a Global Context 2016-2017

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UMB social work, nursing and public health students will learn about different and similar models of mental health and health care practices in India and the United States. The course includes participation in the [Dyuti 2017 International Conference on Health Aging and Mental Health](#) at Rajagiri College in Kerala. While in India, students and faculty will visit social service, mental health, and health programs in Kerala to meet with consumers and providers. Through qualitative methods, small group discussions, assignments, and journaling, students will have opportunities to learn how different cultures approach issues of aging, health, and mental health.

Social work students who are accepted will be registered for course SOWK 705 as part of their Spring 2017 course load. Thus they will be eligible for financial aid for the course expenses. Nursing and public health students can either sign up for SOWK 705 (through School cross listings) or see if independent credit is available through their respective schools. If so, nursing and public health students might also be eligible for student loan support.

Cost:

UMB's Center for Global Education Initiatives will cover expenses for housing and conference registration fees. The estimated cost that each student will need to cover is estimated at \$2,000 which includes airfare, tour of Kerala, and additional in-country expenses such as meals and transportation.

Important Dates:

Pre-travel required classes:

- Tuesday, October 11th, 6-9pm, UMB SSW
- Saturday, November 12th, 9am-12pm, UMB SSW
- Monday, December 12th, 12-2pm, UMB SSW

Travel dates:

- Leaving Sunday, January 1st at 8:40pm from Dulles Airport
- Returning on Sunday, January 15th at 3:00pm to Dulles Airport

Spring meetings:

- Debriefing meeting Tuesday, January 31st, 6-8pm, Dr. Pittman's home
- Group presentation at the campus center in February or March, TBA

Application Process:

- The course is limited to 18 students who are UMB/USG students in good standing.
- Applications are due by Friday, September 9th.
- A brief interview is required as part of the application process. Interviews will be scheduled during the week of September 19th.
- Selected students will be notified by Wednesday September 28th. Students must confirm their space in the course by making a deposit of \$1,000 by October 1st.
- The remainder of the travel expenses will be due by November 1st.

Application Instructions:

The application is available [here](#) or paste this link:
<https://umbforms.wufoo.com/forms/x1owzr51055sgyg/>

Part A: Add your personal information.

Part B: Upload your document with answers to all of the following questions:

1. Personal Statement. In 500 words or less, indicate your reason(s) for applying to this global health opportunity and describe your experience that you will bring to the project (e.g., via prior employment, academics, service, and international experience).
2. Please describe how this project will help you achieve your professional goals.
3. Have you ever worked as part of a project team? An interprofessional or mixed background team? Please describe your experience and what you understand about the value of interprofessional education. What do you expect to gain longer term from the interprofessional aspect of this project?
4. *For non-MSW students only:* Will you be asking for credit within your school for this experience? If so, who has been designated to mentor you through the process and what will you be required to submit to fulfill your credit(s)?

Part C: Upload your resume or CV.

Part D: Upload a letter of reference. You may also have your letter of reference emailed directly to Heidi Fancher (heidi.fancher@umaryland.edu) but it must be received by the application deadline.