

**INFO SESSION: 4/30, School of Social Work 525 W. Redwood – room 2E06 12:15 to 1:45**

**Interprofessional Exploration of Health, and Mental Health in a Global Context  
Kerala, India  
2018-2019**

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UMB social work, nursing, pharmacy 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 2019 International Conference at Rajagiri College in Kerala, India. While in India, students and faculty will visit social service, mental health, and health programs in Kerala to meet with consumers and providers. Through small group discussions, assignments, and journaling, students will have opportunities to learn how different cultures approach issues of health, and mental health.

Social work students who are accepted will be registered for course SOWK 705 as part of their Spring 2019 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:**

A grant from UMB's Center for Global Education Initiatives has been allocated for some of the travel expenses. The estimated cost for each student will be between \$2500-\$3000, which includes airfare, visa, tours, transportation, guides, housing and meals.

**Important Dates:**

Pre-travel required classes:

- Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm, UMB SSW
- Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9am-12:30 pm, UMB SSW
- Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 12-2pm, UMB SSW

Travel dates:

- January 6<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

Spring meetings:

- Debriefing meeting Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm, UMB SSW
- Group presentation to the campus community in February or March, TBA

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

- The course is limited to 18 students who will be selected through a competitive application process that includes review of application materials and an interview.
- Applications will be available online on the Center for Global Education Website in June at <http://www.umaryland.edu/global/>
- **Application are due by Monday September 10<sup>th</sup> .**

- A brief interview is required as part of the application process. Interviews will be scheduled the week on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Selected students will be notified by September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Student must confirm their space in the course by making a deposit of \$900 and submitting required documents by October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The remainder of the travel expenses will be due by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Application Instructions:**

Applications will be available online on the Center for Global Education Website in June at <http://www.umaryland.edu/global/> but, for your information, will require the following information:

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 Virginia Rowthorn ([Virginia.rowthorn@umaryland.edu](mailto:Virginia.rowthorn@umaryland.edu)) with the subject line “Reference for \_\_\_\_\_ (India Project)” but it must be received by the application deadline.