



FACULTY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

at the Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences, Austria

PARTICIPANTS

Students in final year of Bachelor of Nursing education

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM THIS WEEK?

- 5 days of online learning with international students
- International guest lecturers
- Daily project meetings in assigned groups (supervised)
- Student conference (presentation of group work)
- The opportunity to learn about different healthcare systems, care planning and approaches to nurse education
- 2 ECTS on completion of a reflective report or Certificate of Participation

**The international week will take place this year
on 29.11.2021 - 03.12.2021**

INTERNATIONAL WEEK 2020

Lectures delivered from Germany, Scotland, Singapore

- ♦ 36 students participated from Chile, USA, UK and Austria

STUDENTS FEEDBACK FROM 2020

"It provided a different **variety of education from across the globe**. It was informative and was encouraging and inspiring. It is **really good to collaborate with different people** from different background, experience, culture and countries as you will learn and grow." *Student A*

"This course had so many positive aspects to reflect on, like the **variety of cultures**, where we did comprehend how each works. We **got to know different health and care systems from around the world** and, of course, we got to be auto cratical about the care of our own, in my case at least **I learned a lot of things I can bring to my country, give the best care I can**, and be **open-minded to new horizons where maybe health could be better in the future for all of us**." *Student B*

REFLECTION REPORTS

„The intellectual week positively influenced my knowledge.“

„We were able to work together and from some countries perspective and getting to know how the U.S. is different from the rest of the world. Through the international experience I have seen that in all countries that the theme of comfort rings true.“

„Caused on the presentation of Singapore I got conscious about the loneliness of elderly people.“

„For possible changes in a healthcare system the international week gave me a lot of input and new ideas.“

„The intellectual week positively influenced my knowledge the international week gave me a wider understanding of Mental Health and how sensitive the area is, made me think about how I would approach an individual who lives with a mental health condition.“

„A great enrichment were the individual motivations of our group members.“

INTERNATIONAL WEEK 2021

Topics	CANCER	NURSING RITUALS
MONDAY 29.11.2021	Setting the Scene <i>Professor Yvonne Wengstrom OCN, PhD, Karolinska Institutet (SWE)</i> GROUP WORK	Setting the Scene <i>Lecturer TBC</i> GROUP WORK
TUESDAY 30.11.2021	Nurses roles in cancer care <i>Matthias Hellberg-Naegele, M.Sc., Comprehensive Cancer Centre Zürich & Department of Medical Oncology and Hematology, University Hospital Zurich, (CHE)</i> GROUP WORK	Analysing rituals in nursing care <i>Prof. Dr. Hesther Vermeulen, Radbaud University (NL)</i> GROUP WORK
WEDNESDAY 01.12.2021	Cochrane systematic reviews- interpreting results <i>Martin Fangmeyer, BScN, MScN Cochrane Library (AU)</i> GROUP WORK	
THURSDAY 02.12.2021	Self management, quality of life New advances in cancer knowledge (application to practice) <i>Dr Grigorios Kotronoulas, PhD, MSc, University of Glasgow, (UK)</i> GROUP WORK	Using peoples' experiences to inform and improve service provision <i>Dr. Debbie Baldie Queen Margaret University Centre for Person-Centred Practice Research, (UK)</i> GROUP WORK
FRIDAY 03.12.2021	Conference	

GROUP WORK

Students will be divided into **groups** and they will work in these groups for the whole week.

- Students will choose roles within the groups
- Agree tasks
- Plan daily meetings
- A supervisor will be available provide support (if necessary)

A clinical scenario will be given to the groups.

- They learn about the care in different countries
- Come to agreement about how to respond to this clinical scenario
- Prepare a presentation for the student conference



CONFERENCE

3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Intro Students give a flavour of their countries
3.35 p.m. – 4.20 p.m.	Sessions 2 parallel sessions (Cancer and Nursing Rituals 15 minutes / presentation and questions)
4.20 – 4.30 p.m.	Break
4.30 – 5.45 p.m.	Sessions 2 parallel sessions (Cancer and Nursing Rituals) 15 minutes / presentation and questions
5.45 – 6.00 p.m.	Break
6.00 p.m.	Summary Evaluation of international week
	Goodbye

GETTING INVOLVED

Online application for students open from 15.6.2021- 1.11.2021
(Free to participate!)

To apply for international week, please click this link:
<https://quereinstieg.fhv.at/en/>

COOPERATION PARTNERS

- Minnesota State University, United States
- Middlesex University, United Kingdom
- Universidad del Desarrollo, Chile
- University of Dundee, United Kingdom
- Athlone Institute of Technology, Ireland
- Universität zu Köln, Germany
- University of Thessaly, Greece
- FH Ost-Schweiz, Switzerland
- Vorarlberg University, Austria

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