The spring recess program in Jamaica will give SCSU nursing students the opportunity to identify and verbalize how cultural issues and global diversity impact the delivery of healthcare. Students will reflect on their own feelings, beliefs and behaviors regarding working with diverse populations as they compare the U.S. healthcare system with the healthcare system in Jamaica. They will identify the major challenges presented by communication, biological bases of health, health disparities, and the impact this has on providing culturally-competent healthcare. Working collaboratively with Jamaican nursing students, our students will identify, assess, and plan interventions from a global perspective. Through this enriching educational opportunity, students will come away with a unique understanding and appreciation for cultural diversity, as well as the impact finances and the economy of a country have on healthcare.

In addition to clinical work, the program includes team-building exercises, visits to public schools, and excursions to scenic coastal sites.

The Nursing Program at Southern seeks to instill a mission of caring and compassion in all of its students, and focuses on the preparation of competent and creative practitioners to meet the health and human service needs within our society. Part of this mission is met through community-based clinical training and field practice, as this program offers.

**JAMAICA**
**MARCH 15 - 22, 2014**

**cancellation**

In the event of an off-campus course cancellation, students will be refunded all fees recoverable from program providers (airlines, hotels, etc.).

The OIE will negotiate for refunds. The university reserves the right to cancel this program in the event that student safety abroad is in question.

*Students who wish to purchase cancellation insurance should contact their insurance provider.* In the event of a cancellation, tuition refunds will be given in accordance with the policy of the university. Copies of cancellation policy, required releases, and medical statements may be obtained from the OIE.

The program accepts no responsibility for personal property, which must be insured separately if so desired; in particular, students are urged not to bring valuables with them. The program reserves the right to make changes required by unforeseen circumstances.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
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NUR 498
Understanding Global Healthcare
3 Credits

This course focuses on preparing nursing students for the unique opportunity to study abroad within a culturally diverse population. Students are introduced to the theoretical foundations of global healthcare, including: nursing care related to health, illness and culture; relevant research focused on cultural issues; global diversity; healthcare delivery, and communication; biological bases of health disparities; and incorporation of culturally competent nursing into practice.

In addition, all applicants must already be accepted into the nursing major, and must have completed ENGL 112, as this is a W course.

REQUIREMENTS
• Completion of risk management packets, including release of liability, health report, and proof of insurance. (Students must either purchase Aetna Student Health Plan, which includes OnCall emergency coverage, or OnCall stand-alone emergency coverage for $36.00. This policy can be purchased in the Office of International Education, or OIE).
• Successful completion one semester in the nursing program
• Records free of disciplinary problems

lodging

Students will stay at the all-inclusive Hotel Rui in Ocho Rios. The hotel provides all meals on-site, and is desirable for its proximity to the medical clinics and other locations students will visit.

Dietary preferences and restrictions should be explained in detail to trip director at the time of registration.

$2150.00*
This program fee includes
• Airfare
• Domestic transportation to and from the airport
• Lodging and meals
• Transportation in Jamaica
• Field trip activities.

This program fee does not include
SCSU’s tuition and summer registration fee ($1,399), personal expenses, touring, laundry, snacks, medical and living expenses, or any additional expenses that alter the itinerary or arrangements.

A deposit of $500 is due when the application is submitted to the OIE. The deposit is non-refundable once the student is notified by the faculty trip leader of their acceptance into the program. This guarantees participation in the program and reserves lodging. A final payment of $1,650 is due on January 20, 2014.

*Fees are based upon historical program costs and current rates of exchange. Extreme fluctuation in exchange rates or boarding costs may result in additional fees being charged. The university reserves the right to change the itinerary of proposed trips if needed to control the cost of the overall trip. In the event that additional fees exceed the present costs by more than 20%, the student may choose to drop the course and will receive a refund of all funds recoverable by the university. Fees will be frozen on February 17, 2014, and there will be no refunds after that date.

For information on financial aid and scholarships, please contact Gloria Lee at 203-392-5445 or LeeG1@SouthernCT.edu.