

Project evaluation

- 1. Project Number and Title:** 1.6 Overseas Internship Program
2. Responsible Person(s): Academic Committee
3. Participants 1. Four groups of 37 nursing students from Paracelsus Medical University, Salzburg, Austria

4. Activities

1. Attending orientation
2. Participating in the classroom activities
3. Observing the nursing care system in the hospitals and the community settings
4. Visiting the historical sites and other places for the cultural exposure
5. Self-study
6. Presentation

5. Project Achievement Indicators, Targets, and Evaluation method/instrument

Achievement Indicator	Target	Result
1) The increasing number of the students who apply for internship program	1) 2 %.	1) Compare to the number of the students from Paracelsus Medical University in year 2018, a number of students who attending the program in year 2019 increased 27%. (37 students)
2) The students' satisfaction scores toward the internship program	2) ≥ 3.51 out of 5.00	2) The overall satisfaction toward the internship program was 4.54

6. Project report:

The project “Overseas Internship Project” is launched during August 2019–May 2020. The objectives of the project are to strengthen international collaboration activities, promote international exposure of the faculty members and students, organize the internship program for nursing students from oversea universities, and expand academic networking.

There were four groups of 37 nursing students practicing their internships and visiting BLNS. All of them are the students from University of Paracelsus Medical University, Salzburg, Austria.

Group 1: October 13-25, 2019

Group 2: January 19-February 1, 2020

Group 3: February 22 – March 7, 2020

Group 4: March 7 – 20, 2020

Group 1:

There were two nursing students from Paracelsus Medical University, Sulzburg, Austria practicing their internships at BLNS. They had activities with faculty members and nursing students on October 13-25, 2019. The activities which were offered to the students were based on their requests and course requirement of the university. The students were oriented about the places and facilities at Assumption University both Hua Mak and Suvarnabhumi Campuses. They visited two communities, Prawes Soi 53 Fangsai Community and Kohklang Community which are belonged to Bangkok Metropolitan to observe the primary care and how the BLNS nursing students working at primary care settings.

They also went to a public hospital where was Samutprakarn Hospital to observe how BLNS nursing students practiced and provided nursing care to the patients and how the nurses worked at the hospitals. Moreover, they visited the private hospitals, Vejthani Hospital for getting experiences in the areas of health care services and nursing management. They visited Thai Traditional Medicine and Alternative Hospital where they had observed how the patients got treatment from the physicians by using herbs, Thai massage, and spa. Besides, the students visited the non-profit organization for the disability children, Christian Care Foundation for Children with Disabilities (CCD).

They had attended the classes of NS 3326 Nursing Inquiry I and NS 4308 Nursing Leadership to get experience how the nursing students studied theory courses.

Moreover, they exposed Thai culture by studying Thai culture taught by two instructors from Thai culture center of Assumption University, watching Khon (Thai mask dance), and visiting many interesting places, for example, Grand Palace, Wat Phra Kaeo, J.J. Sunday market, Nitasrattanakosin Museum, and ICON Siam Mall. The students were satisfied with the program. The satisfaction score of this group was 4.51 out of 5.

Group 2:

There were seven nursing students from Paracelsus Medical University, Sulzburg, Austria practicing their internships at BLNS. They had activities with faculty members and nursing students on January 19 – February 1, 2020. The activities which were offered to the students were based on their requests and course requirement of the university. The students were oriented about the places and facilities at Assumption University both Hua Mak and Suvarnabhumi Campuses. They visit a community, Kohlerng Sampan, to observe the primary care and how the BLNS nursing students working at primary care settings. This community is belonged to Bangkok Metropolitan.

They also went to public hospitals where was Samutprakarn Hospital to observe how BLNS nursing students practiced and provided nursing care to the patients and how the nurses worked at the hospitals. Moreover, they visited a private hospital, Vejthani Hospital to get experiences in the areas of nursing management and health care services for the foreigners,

particularly Arabic people. They visited Thai Traditional Medicine and Alternative Hospital which they had observed how the patients get treatment from the physicians by using herbs, Thai massage, and spa. Besides, they visited the Rehabilitation Center of Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital to observe how the hospital provided health facilities to the patient. Lastly, the students visited the non-profit organization for the disability children, Christian Care Foundation for Children with Disabilities (CCD).

The students attended the classes, NS 4322 Professional Socialization II and NB 2215 Entrepreneurship in Health Care to share their experiences with BLNS nursing students and observed how the nursing students studying the theory courses.

Moreover, they exposed Thai culture by attending the Thai cultural class, watching Khon (Thai mask dance) and visiting many interesting places, for example, Grand Palace, Wat Pho, J.J. Mall, J.J. Sunday market, and Nitasrattanakosin Museum. The students were satisfied with the program. The satisfaction score of this group was 4.88 out of 5.

Group 3:

There were 16 nursing students from Paracelsus Medical University, Salzburg, Austria practicing internship at BLNS. They had activities with faculty members and nursing students on February 22-March 7, 2020. The activities which were offered to the students were based on their requests and course requirement of the university. The students were oriented about the places and facilities at Assumption University both Hua Mak and Suvarnabhumi Campuses. They visited the health care settings both public and private hospitals for getting experiences in the areas of health care services and nursing management. The public hospitals was the Chaophya Abhaibhubej Hospital which focuses on the treatment which using Thai traditional medicine, for example, herbs, Thai massage, acupuncture, and spa. The private hospitals was BNH Hospital where the students got experiences in the areas of nursing management and health care services for Thai and foreigners.

The students attended the preceptorship training in the topics “Health system and core competencies of professional nurses and midwifery” and “Nursing curriculum and nursing management related to Thailand Qualification.” So, they understood about the health care system and nursing education of Thailand.

Moreover, they visited a community in prawes distric for observing the primary care services and how the community nurses provided health care services to patients in the community. In addition, they visited many health care facilities that provided services to patients and children which were Bansudtavas Retirement Home, Keefayah child care center, and Rebirth Therapeutic Community Center where providing care for male adolescent and adult who had drug addict.

These students exposed to Thai culture by attending Thai study class taught by the lecturers of ABAC, visiting many interesting places in Bangkok which were Grand Palace, Wat Pho, Wat Kratumsuepla, Nitasrattanakosin Museum, Ayuttaya Historical City, Pattaya, J.J.Mall

& J.J. Sunday market, and watching Khon Performance(mask dance) at Salachalermkrung Theater. The students were satisfied with the program arranged for them. The satisfaction score of this group was 4.23 out of 5.

Group 4:

There were twelve nursing students from Paracelsus Medical University, Salzburg, Austria practicing internship at BLNS. The students had activities with faculty members and nursing students on March 2-20, 2020. The activities which were offered to the students were based on their requests and course requirement of the university. The students were oriented about the places and facilities at Assumption University both Hua Mak and Suvarnabhumi Campuses. They attended the presentation of the course NS 4417 community Focused Nursing Practicum. The students experienced how the nursing students practiced in two communities, Koh Leung Samphan, community study, school health, and projects that the students worked with community people and students in two schools, Suwitseree school both primary level and secondary level.

They visited the health care settings both public and private hospitals for getting experiences in the areas of health care services and nursing management. The public hospitals was Mahavajiralongkorn Cancer Center which focused on Cancer. The students visited the palliative care unit and observed how the patients with cancer in the end stage of life were taken care. The private hospital was Vejthani Hospital. They visited Kratumsuepla Community and child care center which were in Prawes District for observing the primary care services and how the community nurses provided health care services to patients in the community. According to the pandemic of Covid-19 disease, the students joined the activities with BLNS nursing students to encourage the staffs of the university washing hands correctly and frequently. The Austrian students did not complete their internships and had to return to Austria according to the lock down policy of their country to prevent the spread of Corona virus.

According to the evaluation by satisfaction score of the students, they were satisfied in overall of the activities provided and the overall satisfaction score was 4.54 out of 5. So, we were able to count that this project achieved the goal. The nursing students from Paracelsus Medical University are still practice their internships at BLNS nine year in a row.