

### **Internship Overseas Students Program**

The project “Overseas Internship Project” is launched during August 2018– July 2019. 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 overseas universities, and expand academic networking.

There were four groups of participants practicing their internships and visiting BLNS. It was composed of one group of three nursing students from University of Applied Science “Wein Campus”, Vienna, Austria and three groups of 29 nursing students from University of Paracelsus Medical University, Salzburg, Austria.

Group 1: August 29 – September 30, 2018

Group 2: October 13 – 26, 2018

Group 3: February 24 – March 8, 2019

Group 4: April 28 – May 10, 2019

#### **Group 1:**

There were three nursing students from University of Applied Science “Wein Campus”, Vienna, Austria practicing their internships at BLNS. They had activities with faculty members and nursing students on August 29 – September 30, 2018. It is totally 10 weeks. The activities offered to these 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 classes with BLNS nursing students on every Monday and Friday. The courses that they attended were NS 3326 Nursing Inquiry I, NS 4308 Nursing Leadership and Management, NS4323 Therapeutic Health Assessment, and NS 4320 Community Focused Nursing II.

Moreover, they went to observe how the BLNS nursing students practiced at the health care settings and community settings every Tuesday - Thursday, at 7.00 am.-3.00 pm. The hospitals where they visited were Sirindhorn Hospital, Bhumibol Hospital, and Panthong Hospital (Chon Buri) and three communities, Sa-makkee-tam Community, Tepparaksa Community, and Forty-Rai Community which were responsible by Bangkok Metropolitan. In addition, they visited the 22 Public Health Center, Thai Traditional Medicine Hospital, and two private hospitals, Vejthani Hospital and Bangkok General Hospital (Bangkok Mental Health Rehabilitation and Recovery Center). They also attended the activities arranged by the nursing students which was Wai Kru

Ceremony of the BLNS. They attended the class of Thai culture study for Thai culture exposure. However, they would like to visit the historical places by their own. The students were satisfied with the program. The satisfaction score of this group was 4.03 out of 5.00.

### **Group 2:**

There were nine nursing students from Paracelsus Medical University, Sulzburg, Austria practicing their internships at BLNS. Their major focused on Mental Health. They had activities with faculty members and nursing students on October 13-26, 2018. They visit the 22<sup>nd</sup> Public Health Center for observing the primary care and how the BLNS nursing students working at primary care settings. The communities where they visited were Sa-mak-kee-tam Community, Tep-rak-sa Community, and Forty Rai Community.

They also went to public hospitals where was Sirindhorn 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, Bangkok Nursing Home Hospital (BNH) for getting experiences in the areas of health care services and nursing management. Besides, they visited the health care settings that focused on taking care of the patients who had psychiatric health problems. These health care settings were Bangkok General Hospital (Bangkok Mental Health Rehabilitation and Recovery Center) and Rebirth Therapeutic Community Center at Ratchburi Province. Their last health care setting visit was Thai Traditional Medicine and Alternative Hospital which they had observed how the patients got treatment from the physicians by using herbs, Thai massage, and spa. The students visited the non-profit organization for the disability children, Christian Care Foundation for Children with Disabilities (CCD).

Moreover, they exposed Thai culture by attending the Thai study class and visiting many interesting places, for example, Pattaya, J.J. Mall, J.J. Sunday market, Nitasrattanakosin Museum, and Kwan Riam Floating Market. The students were satisfied with the program. The satisfaction score of this group was 4.58 out of 5.00.

### **Group 3:**

There were 15 nursing students from Paracelsus Medical University, Salzburg, Austria practicing internship at BLNS. They had activities with faculty members and nursing students on February 24-March 8, 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 attended the presentation of BLNS nursing students for the course NS 4413 Nursing Leadership and Management Practicum at Samitivej Hospital, Piyavate Hospital, and Vejthani Hospital. They also 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 Sirindhorn Hospital and the private hospitals was Vejthani Hospital. In addition, the students had experiences and observed how the patients got treatment from the physician by using the alternative methods for example, herbs, Thai massage, acupuncture, and spa at Thai Traditional Medicine Hospital.

They visited the 22<sup>nd</sup> Public Health Center 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 Rehabilitation Center Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital, SOS Children's Village Thailand providing care for orphans, and Christian Care Foundation for Children with Disabilities (CCD) providing care for disabilities children. They 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, Nitasrattanakosin Museum, J.J. Mall & J.J. Sunday market, ICON Siam, 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 4.28 out of 5.00.

#### **Group 4:**

There were five nursing students from Paracelsus Medical University, Salzburg, Austria practicing internship at BLNS. They were from Sozialstiftung Bamberg Hospital, Germany. The students had activities with faculty members and nursing students on April 28 – May 10, 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 attended Nursing seminar “Nursing Leadership and Voice in Global Health Platform” arranged by the senior nursing students. This seminar was a part of the activities of the course NS 4322 Professional Socialization II. In addition, they attended the faculty activities which were research presentation for the course NS 3401 Nursing Inquiry II, Innovations presentation for the course NS 1312

Health Promotion, and Projects presentation for the course NB 2215 Entrepreneurship in Health Care

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 were Prasat Neurological Institute and Samutprakan Hospital and the private hospital was Bangkok General Hospital. They visited the 22<sup>nd</sup> Public Health Center for observing the primary care services and how the community nurses provided health care services to patients in the community. In addition, they visited Thai Traditional Medicine Hospital to get experiences how the patients got treatment from the physician by using alternative methods, for example, herbs, Thai massage, acupuncture, and spa. They also visited many health care facilities arranging for patients and children, for example, Mahavajiralongkorn Cancer Center and Christian Care Foundation for Children with Disabilities (CCD).

These students exposed to Thai culture by visiting the historical and interesting places in Bangkok and the provinces nearby Bangkok, for example, Grand Palace, Rattanakosin old city J.J. mall & J.J. Sunday market in Bangkok, the Golden Jubilee Museum of Agriculture, KhlongLuang, PrathumThani Province, many places in Ayutthaya Province and Pattaya, Chonburi Province. They also an opportunity to watch Khon performance (mask dance) at Salachalermkrung Theater. The students were satisfied with the program arranged for them. The satisfaction score of this group was 4.83 out of 5.00.

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 4.43 out of 5.00. 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. However, the total number of the students did not increase more than that in the previous year.





Field trip experiences at learning resources of Austria students