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1st Annual Clinical Research Study Abroad

Clinical Research undergraduate coordinator **Barbara Pennington** and CLR lecturer **Annemarie Petroff** led a group of 6 students (pictured at left) over spring break to Buenos Aires, Argentina. The trip, which occurred over the spring break, was the first study abroad trip for the CLR program.

The travelers had opportunities to visit several clinical research specific organizations including the PPD and IQVIA (formerly Quintiles) offices, an ethics committee meeting, the Austral University research site and the Argentinian Ministry of Health (ANMAT), which is the equivalent division of the US Food and Drug Administration. Students learned how regulations pertaining to the drug development and approval process in Argentina differed from that of the US, but also noted several similarities in regulatory processes between these 2 countries.

Representatives from the PPD and IQVIA offices spent considerable time explaining how the global companies work together with other offices, research sites, ethics committees and regulatory agencies throughout the drug and device development process. PPD associates coordinated most of the visits to other research organizations throughout Buenos Aires to assist with logistics of travel as well as Spanish translation. Pictured at right are the 6 students, CLR faculty and members of the Independent Ethics Committee (Fundacion de Estudios Farmacologicos y de Medicamentos or FEFYM).

Students and faculty also experienced cultural activities, such as a tango show, open air markets, visiting a cemetery where Eva Peron (Evita) is buried, a national cathedral and a city bus tour. Student comments about the travel experience were all very positive. One considered this experience “the trip of a lifetime”. Other comments included “it was a life-changing experience” and “the best investment I’ve made in my education.”

The Cuban Experience

For six days, May 7-13, 2016, nine UNCW faculty, one school director and one dean from the College of Health and Human Services participated in an exploratory trip to Cuba. From the water's edge in Old Havana to the tobacco fields of inland Cuba, participants endeavored to learn about renowned Cuban health care practices and delivery and explore opportunities for future learning and research excursions. Underlying themes throughout the experience were discovery and effective collaboration across boundaries of government, culture, language, economic status and health care practices.

San Ignacio, Cayo District, Belize

On Sunday, March 8, 2015, 22 nursing students (16 prelicensure and 6 graduate) and 4 faculty departed for a week in Belize. They stayed in San Ignacio and provided clinical services in various villages in the Cayo District.

- [UNCW Nursing Students in Belize Blog](#)

Iquitos, Cusco and Machu Picchu, Peru

This clinical and cultural immersion experience occurs during the week of Spring Break and is incorporated into required courses as part of the nursing program. This one-week experience fosters nursing competence while learning and serving in a global health care system that provides a real world cultural immersion.

- [UNCW Nursing Students in Peru](#)

Cultural Immersion: People and Health Care in Central America

Students will provide health care to the rural and urban populations of El Salvador. Opportunities will be offered to learn about the health care systems in El Salvador and Guatemala (travel to Guatemala will depend on cost). Students will meet local university nursing and medical students.

- [UNCW Nursing Students in El Salvador Blog](#)

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