

International Projects and Research

Erasmus Social Work and Teacher Mobility

Visiting scholars and teacher mobility: The social work team has a long standing involvement with the Erasmus teacher mobility scheme.

Over recent years this has included creative learning exchanges with social work colleagues in Estonia, Poland, Lille, Germany, Spain, Malta, Belgium and Holland. Lectures have included UK perspectives in relation to evidence-based and evidence informed practices, service user involvement and open lectures in Malta in relation to the UK experience of community care and the implementation of the personalization agenda.

Early in 2014 colleagues from the Czech Republic contributed to student and staff learning in relation to working within Adults social services.

Short exchange courses: The creation of a partnership between Mount Mercy (USA) and Canterbury Christ Church has facilitated the exploration of similarities and differences within the design and delivery of social work and social care services and education.

To date, we have hosted two short courses looking at the policy, practice and legal frameworks informing and governing professional practice. It is planned to progress this partnership and to secure and develop practice placement learning opportunities for Christ Church students.

China

Visiting scholars: We have Visiting Scholars joining the Faculty for a specific period of study, to allow time to focus on their subject area at the same time as exploring the UK approaches to health and care. Visiting scholars access our staff expertise and the extensive range of resources we have available in hard and virtual copy.

Short exchange courses: There is considerable interest in Chinese nursing students coming to the UK for 2-3 week short, non-accredited courses to learn about nursing and wider health and social care in the UK with optimal English Language tuition.

BSc (Hons) Nursing Studies for International Students

(subject to validation): For Chinese and Asian qualified nurses, this degree will help nurses take on more advanced roles within their country.

Greece

Working in partnership for Education delivery: Working with a highly respected higher education provider in Greece, we have recently validated a number of health professional Bachelor and Masters degrees. The programmes, designed to meet the needs of Greece and the Greek health care system, are delivered and assessed in Greek.

Vietnam

Overseas Teaching: the 'Flying Faculty': A neonatal nursing training programme designed to improve outcomes for mothers and babies in Vietnam is currently taking place, thanks to the collaborative work of the University with a local Vietnamese hospital and their Department of Health. Nurses say they are already seeing benefit with birth-complications reducing through enhancing their understanding of practical skills.

South Africa

Partnerships: Working in partnership with the University of Johannesburg Radiography Department our virtual student exchange pilot has been enthusiastically received by students. This supports widening access and offers students an international experience when they cannot visit another part of the UK or another country in person.

The virtual student exchange provides opportunity for students to: build radiography knowledge through discussion with colleagues; enhance their understanding of how different health care systems work; and learn different approaches that can influence their own practice.

Consultancy: We are also working in consultation with the University of Johannesburg with their Radiography Clinical Reporting initiative. Our extensive experience in delivering a Masters in Clinical Reporting is a unique resource.

Japan

Bespoke Nursing Vocabulary Training for Japanese

Nurses: A meeting was held with visiting Faculty members from a Japanese University to plan a nursing vocabulary course for up to 20 Japanese nursing students. This developed into a tailor-made short course for these students that included Nurse Theory education sessions, practical experience in our Clinical Simulation Labs, talks by visiting nurse practitioners and a visit to a highly respected care home. Students had English Language tuition in the afternoon, and some time for cultural visits.