Capstone Basics

NURS 373: Global Health Practicum is the 5 credit capstone course that is required of all Senior BSN students. It is offered in the Summer and Fall terms. All students enrolled in NURS 373 must complete a capstone project focused on public health or community health.

Capstone Sites and Application Process

Students must complete an application to be paired with a capstone site. When applying; students select their top 3 choices from a list of sites that are approved by the course coordinator. There are local sites (Northeast Ohio) and distance sites (out of state). The course coordinator then pairs the student with a capstone site. There is no guarantee that a student will get a site that is in their top three, however, this information is taken into account when making the assignments. The list of sites and application is typically available in late November. So if a student will be enrolling in the capstone course in the summer or fall of 2018, the site list and application are available in November of 2017.

Intensives

Before starting your capstone experience you must complete three courses in an intensive format, these courses are NURS 370: Information Technologies in Health, NURS 371: Public Health Nursing, and NURS 372: Health in the Global Community. The courses are offered as intensives in May for the students enrolled in NURS 373 over the summer and in August for NURS 373 students enrolled in the fall.

Typical May Intensives Days, See SIS for confirmed dates
NURS 370: Two days during the first week of May, typically the Friday and Saturday after finals end
NURS 371: Five days, Monday-Friday, during the second week of May
NURS 372: Five days, Monday-Friday, during the third week of May

Typical August Intensive Days, See SIS for confirmed dates
NURS 370: Two days during the first week of August, typically Thursday and Friday
NURS 371: Five days, Monday-Friday, during the second week of August
NURS 372: Five days, Monday-Friday, during the third week of August

NURS 373 Start Dates and End Dates
The start dates and end dates of each NURS 373 capstone experience is variable, due to the wide variety of capstone sites. The estimated start and end date for each site will be listed with the capstone site descriptions are will be available for review during the capstone application process.

Student Presentations
All CWRU students present their capstone project. FPB provides for two opportunities for students to present their capstone project. Students are expected to participate in both. Both opportunities are excellent ways for students to develop their presentation and communication skills. The presentations are a great way for students to share their work with the wider FPB and CWRU community.

Capstone Synthesis Days
Students deliver an oral presentation to their peers and to faculty at FPB following their capstone experience. A capstone synthesis day for summer students takes place on the first day of class of the following fall semester. For the fall students, the synthesis days are on the first two days of the following spring semester.

**SOURCES Intersections Conference**
All students must present a poster at the university-wide SOURCES Intersections poster session in either the Fall or Spring semester. The semester in which you present depends on when your capstone experience concludes. For more information go to the Intersections website, [http://www.case.edu/source/intersections/intersections.html](http://www.case.edu/source/intersections/intersections.html)