Wisconsin Express
Spring Break: March 20-25, 2016

Wisconsin Express is an interprofessional cultural immersion experience designed to give health professions students an opportunity to study firsthand the diverse local and regional healthcare innovations and challenges in one of Wisconsin’s urban or rural communities.

Multidisciplinary groups of 6-12 students stay overnight in a community to explore the region’s cultural diversity and healthcare, developing strategies for intercultural and interprofessional effectiveness in healthcare practice. Throughout the week, participants reflect on and evaluate their experiences.

Spring Break 2016 Community Sites:

“Northwoods Experience”/HOSA – Native American focus (10 students)
Based in Minocqua, the Northwoods itinerary will also include experiences in Lac du Flambeau, Rhinelander, and rural communities. This site will explore health care for tribal and rural populations. This newest addition to the Wisconsin Express regional sites will be of particular interest to student members of the HOSA-UW chapter, as it will feature outreach to the local high school chapter of HOSA (Northern Pine HOSA), which was established through support from the regional AHEC center, Northern Highland AHEC.

Rusk & Barron Counties – Somali focus (8 students)
The Rusk/Barron site offers students an immersion opportunity to explore rural healthcare, with an emphasis on experiences of the Somali immigrant community. Students visit free clinics, hospice programs, hospitals, long-term care facilities, a domestic abuse shelter, public health, the Health Care Academy, the International High School, and other sites. In addition, program participants have an opportunity to do a service project to improve conditions for local citizens who are low income or uninsured.

Activities vary by site and include:
- Experiential and interactive learning in groups
- Participation in community activities
- Access to healthcare organizations behind the scenes
- Conversations about life in the community and region
- Interactions with practitioners in primary and public healthcare

Program Fee: $200

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Application deadline is Monday, January 4, 2016

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