

Things to think about when planning for International or Intranational Placements

1. How do you expect this experience will influence your career?
2. What personal strengths and challenges will you take to this placement?
3. How would you cope with situations that trouble you, or that you disagree with, and over which you have no control?
4. How would you cope with a situation that does not fit your original learning objectives?
5. How would you interpret and react to positive and negative attitudes toward you (e.g. people may assume you are very knowledgeable and competent, or you may experience discrimination for a variety of reasons)?
6. How would you react to gender bias?
7. Is your placement in a hospital or community setting?
8. Is there a specific cultural, language or other population group with whom you wish to work?
9. Is there a specific health issue that interests you?
10. Have you or your family had any international experience or connections?
11. Does your chosen setting have the necessary infrastructure and resources to assist you to meet your curriculum requirements and learning objectives?
12. What kind of living accommodation is available to you? If applicable, how do you adjust to the environment, diet, lack of privacy?