

Project Title: International Seminar on Cross-Cultural Education: Preparing Grassroots Community Leaders to be Global Citizens

Project Description

The project focuses on preparing and educating community leaders and University faculty and staff to be global citizens at a grass-root level. The project attempts to critically analyze the cultural nature using the Contrast Culture Method, a training program designed for analyzing human culture through cross-cultural training developed by Dr. Edward Stewart. Through this cross-cultural training program, the participants are expected to be involved in educational lectures as well as community outreach projects as a form of social science laboratory.

Certainly, there are great benefits in being culturally sensitive and aware in today's global world. We seek to not only develop cultural intelligence, but also to be leaders in this area in guiding our community towards greater cross-cultural acceptance. This is achieved through a series of rigorous workshops conducted in another country: Japan.

Project Learning Outcome

The workshops envision developing a new curriculum or a set of cross-cultural training programs. Participants will be able to contribute to building a culture of peace at their home communities. In addition, the project attempts to develop new educational tools that will be a part of education, corporate or community non-profit training curriculum of global citizenship and social responsibility in order to train future community leaders.

I. Global Citizenship and Civic Responsibility

- Understanding the concept of culture as the central concept of social science
- Identifying the source of aggression embedded in many cultures: aggression as universal human behavior
- Preparing community leaders with skills for cross-cultural facilitation which focus on building the culture of peace in the local community

II. Cross-Cultural Training Methods

- Role-play possible situations in a cross-cultural environment
- Identify and explain one's own values and identity
- Design and develop cross-cultural training in participants' expertise and disciplines
- Define and produce his/her own individual learning plan
- Use available methods to document cross-cultural experience—journal writing, photography, videography, and other available forms of recording and editing methods
- Summarize the participants' cross-cultural experience in a target destination culture

Project Requirement

There will be a series of activities required for the participants to be part of throughout the project. The participants are expected to conduct readings, participate in discussions and workshops, and produce a collective publication at the end of the project. The contents will be determined in near future.

Project Outline

February 2009 Before Travel: Pre-Departure Orientation

A series of learning sessions are planned to prepare the participants to be ready for the training program in Japan. The contents include identifying cross-cultural conflict issues involving Japanese and non-Japanese cultures in Japan, and provide suggestions to build culture of peace among Japanese and non-Japanese people in the community.

1. Online

- Complete two reflection activities and share with your section
- Complete Cross-Cultural Training theory and group assignment
- Define your project and begin researching

2. Face-to-Face

- There will be several meetings on the Conway campus. This participation is required for the all participants. The sessions will cover skill-building exercises that assist the participants to document cross-cultural experience in Japan. The contents are TBD.

March 13-22, 2009: In Japan

All the traveling time is based on the U.S. Eastern Standard Time. Although a more complete schedule will be determined, you could expect the following:

Day	Itinerary
Day 1 (Friday)	Departure Myrtle Beach
Day 2 (Saturday)	Arrival Tokyo, transfer to the hotel
Days 3 to 8 (Sunday - Friday)	Orientation & post-arrival program Morning: Lectures and Training activities Afternoon: Community Service and Field Activities Evening: TBA
Day 9 (Saturday)	Debriefing and Reflection Retreat
Day 10 (Sunday)	Departure Tokyo

**The schedule is subject to change.*

April 2009: After Travel

There will be at least 3 meetings including the program evaluation session to discuss your experience in Japan. The sessions will focus on how to synthesize the cross-cultural experience, make recommendations for the community, and plan to set up venues to share the experience. The detailed guideline will be determined later. This is a required component of the participation for the program.

Application Procedure

Submission Requirement	Application Form & Statement of Purpose
Program Fee	\$1000 per participant
Application Fee	\$ 400 (to contribute toward the program fee)
Review of Application	begins on 12/20/2008 until the slots are filled
Contact Person	Sophia Tan, Assistant Professor Spadoni College of Education Coastal Carolina University (843) 349-2614, stan@coastal.edu

**Young professionals and those who have never been to Japan are encouraged to apply.*