

**Medical Teams International Activity
Foundations of Nursing course
Clackamas Community College**



Part I: Complete this part before your visit to the Real Life Exhibit

1. As a nurse, you will be the go-to person for your family/community regarding the latest information related to public health risks such as H1N1, tsunami warnings off Oregon coast, TB, bed-bug resurgence, etc. Review the following websites about emergency preparedness.

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/preparedness/>
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/disasterpreparationandrecovery.html#cat59>
http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/archive/emp-fam_disaster_prepare.shtml

- Do you find the websites adequate/easy to search in relation to providing the general public with public health information? Why or why not?
- If you could make one suggestion to the creators of one of the websites, what would it be and why?

2. Look up the following terms and give a paraphrased definition in your own words:

Incidence	Epidemic	Prevalence
Pandemic	Disaster	

3. Other than Hurricane Katrina, and without looking anything up, list all of the disasters you can remember that have occurred since the year 2000.

Part II: Tour the REAL. LIFE. Exhibit

Tour the REAL. LIFE. Exhibit at Medical Teams International headquarters building in Tigard. The exhibit is open by reservation, so call ahead or use the online reservation form to reserve a time-slot for a group. (Go to <http://www.medicalteams.org/exhibit> and click on "Schedule a tour.") We *strongly* recommended that you attend the exhibit in pairs or small groups (up to 10-12 people) to allow valuable time for debriefing time at the exhibit.

As you go through the exhibit, consider the changes that have happened across the globe due to organizations such as Medical Teams International. At the end of the exhibit find the poster board explaining how Medical Teams International was started. Please read that carefully.

Part III: Complete this part after your visit to the Real Life Exhibit

Consider all of the concepts of professional behavior that you have studied in this nursing program:

Communication	Stress Management	Conflict Resolution	Group Process
Delegation	Learning Styles	Negotiation	Culture
Leadership	Activism		

Write a 3-5 page essay that addresses healthcare changes that have occurred around the world in response to organizations such as Medical Teams International. Essay writing does not lend itself to APA format but will need to be well-written (thorough and grammatically correct) and include these criteria:

- To institute any change, especially those of the magnitude that this organization promotes, the above behaviors have to be considered. Please discuss which of these professional behaviors you believe to be the most important if you were involved with this organization (there is no limit to the number you choose). Please provide your rationale/thought process as to why you made this choice.
- Based on what you were able to see in the exhibit, evaluate the effectiveness of the response to disasters around the world.
- Share your thoughts as you read the story of how Medical Teams International (originally Northwest Medical Teams) was started.
- If you were to become part of a team responding to a disaster, what would be your greatest strength as a team member? What do you imagine your role would be? What attributes do you have that would make you a valuable member of the team to institute the changes that may be necessary?
- Knowing that most of us cannot actually go with a team, what are some actions that you, as a nurse, could take here at home both to respond to a disaster and to prepare for a disaster? What changes do you think need to be instituted in the United States or around the world to prepare for disasters?
- Please conclude with a personal reflection on the experience of visiting the REAL. LIFE. Exhibit.

I'm only one person, but I can make a difference!