

Crossing Cultures, Countries and Curricula

School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Monash University, Sunway Campus

Monday September 14th – Wednesday September 16th 8.30am-4.00pm

Venue: Sunway Hospital Convention Rooms

The ‘Crossing Cultures, Countries and Curricula’ workshop is funded by a grant from the Monash University International Strategic Initiative Fund 2009. At the same time, because of its increasingly international presence, the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (FMNHS) acknowledges the importance of its programs at all campuses to be responsive to concepts of culture which impact on learning and teaching.

The workshop will support the global focus of both Monash University and the FMNHS through the development of globalised programs on campuses in Australia, Malaysia and South Africa. Medicine and health sciences programs are already well established in Australia and Malaysia. A new School of Health Sciences will be established at Monash South Africa in January 2010. In 2011 the Bachelor of Health Science (BHSc) degree, with its strong emphasis on global public health, will be offered in Malaysia and South Africa, following the initial roll out of the redeveloped BHSc at Caulfield in 2010.

Within this context, the aims of the ‘Crossing Cultures, Countries and Curricula’ workshop are to a) produce a set of guidelines relevant to cultural issues in learning and teaching in medicine and the health sciences and b) an implementation strategy for the international roll out of the BHSc which can be used to inform similar programs.

International participants are expected from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Science, Monash University (Australia); the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Monash University, Sunway Campus (Malaysia); Monash South Africa; Latrobe University (Australia); the University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa); and King’s College London.

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Further information regarding this initiative is available from Christine Tasker, Project Officer, BHSc Redevelopment and Internationalisation (99034480).