Introduction

Short-term academically sponsored global health care experiences, whereby individuals from high-income countries (HICs) volunteer to provide health care services to individuals from low/middle income countries (LMICs) have increased in popularity and accessibility. Short-term experiences occur in a variety of settings and with varying expectations of the provider(s). The populations served experience socioeconomic, cultural, and geographic barriers to healthcare.

Recommendations from national nursing organizations in an effort to advance knowledge and experience in global health efforts, combined with academic specific goals to enhance global reach, is vital to the nursing workforce. The aforementioned organizations include, but are not limited to the American Academy of Nursing Expert Panel on Global Health, the International Council of Nurses, and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. The academic institution of reference is a state institution of higher learning with a L4/R Carnegie classification located in the midwest, including its fully accredited school of nursing enrolling nearly 1300 students, is in its infancy in developing its global health experiences whereby an assessment of the evidence to support a process needs further investigation.