Adaptation, Adjustment, And Awareness: Integrating Intercultural Theory Into Short Term Programs

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

1. Learn about the various ways culture affects communication
2. Reflect on the influence of personal background on communication
3. Learn how to communicate more effectively with others and become a more culturally sensitive communicator
4. Develop critical thinking skills, specifically applied to intercultural communication
5. Examine intercultural theory and learn to apply it to various situations
6. Apply intercultural theory when working effectively in small groups and managing differences
7. Engage in service-learning
8. Interact and reflect on communication competence in intercultural communication contexts
9. Develop a basic understanding of the U.S. Cultural landscape in terms of values, beliefs, and attitudes
10. Engage in direct experience, and apply course concepts to help better understand and learn from that experience