

German students visit College of Nursing

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The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh introduced 11 German nursing students to U.S. culture Oct. 15-26 as part an exchange program co-sponsored by North Central Technical College.

Students from the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany, had the opportunity to improve their knowledge of the U.S. healthcare system during their visit. In addition, they observed the College of Nursing's simulation lab, in which students practice medical procedures in a safe, controlled environment using high-fidelity manikins.

"The students are very excited about coming to UW Oshkosh and are especially excited to see our skills lab," nursing instructor Vicki Moss said. "They have nothing like that at their school in Frankfurt."

The visitors also experienced U.S. customs with the aid of UW Oshkosh volunteers, who housed the students during their stay. In addition to visiting the College of Nursing and the simulation lab, the group visited educational attractions in both Oshkosh and Milwaukee.

"The visit benefited UW Oshkosh College of Nursing students because they had a chance to interact with the German students and attend presentations by the students," said Colleen Husboe, an advancement officer for the College of Nursing.

As part of the program, UW Oshkosh nursing students had the option to travel to Germany and earn three credits for an international health class. UW Oshkosh participates in a similar program at the Sri Ramachandra Medical College and Research Institute in Chennai, India.

"The program is very similar to the concept of the India trip," Huseboe said. "However, the Indian visitors in the spring were all working nurses and faculty as opposed to the German trip, which is for nursing students."