

GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP ALLIANCE

Overview

Global Scholarship Alliance (“GSA”), a division of Cincinnati, OH based Health Carousel, LLC, is a cultural exchange program facilitator and scholarship sponsor for foreign nurses. The company partners with leading U.S. universities and healthcare organizations in a coordinated effort to improve nursing globally.

GSA facilitates cultural exchange programs and provides scholarships to English-speaking foreign nurses who want to enhance their education with the combination of a U.S. Masters of Science in Nursing degree and academic training. U.S. universities and hospitals benefit from a long-term solution to declining enrollment and the global nursing shortage; and through the requirements of the program, U.S.-degreed and trained nurse scholars return to contribute to the education and training of future nurses in their home countries. The company’s mission is:

To improve global nursing by providing scholarships and professional development for future nurse leaders and educators, building alliances between leading U.S. universities and hospitals, and fostering the equitable distribution of nurses throughout the world.

The Program

Participants in GSA’s program receive fully-funded Masters of Science in Nursing scholarships to American universities and are eligible to work part-time at a university-affiliated hospital during the period of study.

The four and one half year program combines intense academic study at the university with part-time clinical experience in partner hospitals. Upon completion of the program, nurse scholars must return to their home countries for at least two years, where they will lead the next generation of nurses as clinical instructors, nurse leaders or hospital administrators.

Ensuring Quality

The Global Scholarship Alliance selection process ensures only first-rate nurses are accepted into the program. GSA carefully evaluates educational transcripts, licensing board scores, work histories and clinical experiences, references, and background checks. Prospective nurse-scholars are required to possess a baccalaureate degree in nursing (a bachelor of science in nursing or an equivalent degree), a registered nursing license in their home country, two or more years of hospital experience, and must pass the U.S. nursing exam, as well as a language proficiency exam. The nurse-scholars are then hand-picked by representatives from the universities and hospitals through face-to-face interviews in the nurse’s home country. Those selected must also meet U.S. licensing and immigration requirements before arriving in America.

University Partners

- Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus (Brooklyn, NY)
- University of the Incarnate Word (San Antonio, TX)
- Xavier University (Cincinnati, OH)
- University of Kansas (Kansas City, KS)
- Capital University (Columbus, OH)
- Midwestern State University (Wichita Falls, TX)

Hospital Partners

- Methodist Hospital (San Antonio, TX)
- TriHealth (Cincinnati, OH)
- Wyckoff Heights Medical Center (Brooklyn, NY)
- Kansas University Medical Center (Kansas City, KS)
- OhioHealth (Columbus, OH)
- United Regional Health Care System (Wichita Falls, TX)

Nurse Scholars

Hundreds of international nurses attempting to qualify to take part in the scholarship program with other hospital/university partners. Currently, GSA has the nurses in the following cities:

- Cincinnati, 26 nurses
- New York City, 13 nurses
- San Antonio, 8 nurses
- Kansas City, KS, 2 nurses
- Wichita Falls, TX 5 nurses

Management:

- **J. William DeVille**, *chief executive officer*
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