

Original Work Proposal

Healthcare administration is the field relating to leadership, management, and administration of public health systems, healthcare systems, hospitals, and hospital networks. This unique and vast field pertains to many different aspects of healthcare and maintains the structural support required to administer care to those in need around the world. The way healthcare is administered is different around the world, producing different outcomes and situations along with it. One aspect of healthcare administration that I hope to delve into through my original work project is the project management and project planning area of corporate healthcare. Behind the scenes of all the procedures and interactions between doctor and patient, there are thousands of procedures and protocols that need to be followed in order to facilitate an efficient and high performing healthcare facility.

Last year, for my final product, I made patient education packets for a medical mission trip that performed free open heart surgeries on patients that would not normally have access to sophisticated healthcare. As a continuation of my final product, I hope that I can continue with this philanthropic venture and assist the team of medical professionals that travel down to Peru more thoroughly. There are many areas of the trip that could still use some improvement so forming a cohesive project plan that includes steps to make travel arrangements, inventory for donated supplies, and more. Hopefully, with the conclusion of my original work (and maybe the continuation into my final product) my work will greatly improve the efficiency of the medical mission trip and improve the quality of care the Peruvians receive.

I will utilize higher level thinking skills and my creativity throughout this process through research, communication, and brainstorming. I've never done a project similar to this so this will be a completely new experience for me. I will probably be thrown out of my comfort zone numerous times in the future of this project, but I hope to take it all in stride and only learn from my mistakes. My mentor and her team will be a great source of contact for me throughout this project and so will the physicians and surgeons on the trip that I communicated with last year.

What I love most about this project idea is that its purpose targets more than just myself and my research in a topic. The time and energy that I spend on this trip will ultimately be for the greater good of those who are less fortunate than I am. As my excitement for this project grows, I hope to continue to exemplify all that ISM stands for in my interactions with everybody that is involved and willing to help me in this process.