

# Go Global

## *...Changing Worlds, Changing Lives...*

Go Global is an international and inter professional initiative within the Faculty of Health Sciences at Curtin University, Western Australia. The program has enabled more than 200 students from Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Speech Pathology, and Pharmacy to deliver 25 000 hours of health related service to adults and children in partner organisations in India, South Africa, China and Ukraine. Go Global is the exemplar program for Curtin's Triple 'i' curriculum focusing on providing students with opportunities through final year placements to enhance their professional skills through intercultural, inter professional and industry exposure.

In November 2008 three School of Film Television and Screen Arts students completed a collaborative project documenting the experience of the 8 allied health students at the Shanghai BoAi Children's Rehabilitation Centre. The documentary 'Footprints in Shanghai' premiered in Perth, Western Australia, in April 2009 to an audience of over 200 guests. 'Footprints in Shanghai' is a raw yet touching expose` of the Go Global allied health student experience. It illustrates the impact of **'changing worlds and changing lives'** for the staff and clients of host sites and the students and staff of Curtin University participating in this unique service learning program.

Since 2001, the Go Global team have coordinated these multi-sector partnerships to provide innovative, international and inter professional placements. Growth in this unique program has contributed to the paradigm shift in the approach to education within the Faculty of Health Sciences at Curtin that is centred on international and inter professional education in preparing graduates to be influential global citizens.

Go Global grew from a strategic initiative within the School of Occupational Therapy that responded to global health agenda's such as the Millennium Development Goals and a call from UNESCO to "teach the complexity of humanity and an awareness of global citizenship." Go Global students are profiled on the Australian Education International (AEI) website in recognition of the fact that student outbound mobility achieves UNESCO's call to develop global citizens. Go Global's service learning placements with neighbours from the Asia-Pacific region, Eastern Europe and Africa assists Curtin University in its aim to develop graduates who possess and implement cultural understanding, an international perspective and communication skills creating leaders within industry.

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"This trip has shaped me more than I can ever explain and possibly recognise – not just as a therapist but as a human being."

Go Global Student Learning Journal, 2006



Go Global aims to "provide quality international opportunities for students to contribute to humanitarian based health services that can be sustained by