

ABSTRACTS FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS

International Chinese Student Satisfaction towards University Malaysia Sabah's Nursing Mobility Programme

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Background: Over the last few years, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) as part of its global marketing initiative opened its door to international students to take up elective as well fulltime programmes. In September 2017, 36 nursing students from a university in China completed a 12-week elective /mobility programme in UMS. **Objective:** This study is to evaluate the Chinese international nursing students' satisfaction during their mobility posting tenure in UMS. This paper will discuss some of these issues and recommend possible remedial to address these gaps. **Method:** By design, this is a quantitative descriptive cross-sectional study involving a convenient sample of all 36 Chinese international students enrolled in the UMS-nursing mobility programme. A self-rated questionnaire was used to rate the level of satisfaction at 4 levels (dissatisfactory, moderately satisfied, satisfied and highly satisfied) on 5 factors such as first day of arrival orientation, logistic arrangements, learning opportunities, cultural experience and perceived worth-for-money. Data analyses used frequency counts on students' levels of satisfaction on the 5 factors. **Results:** The Chinese international students rated the following factors as satisfactory and highly satisfactory: (i) learning experience (86%), (ii) Sabah's cultural experience (91%), (iii) worth for money (88.8%). Factors rated as unsatisfactory: (i) first day of arrival orientation (66.6%), (ii) logistic arrangement (55.5%). **Conclusion:** Findings from this study found that the Chinese international students' overall satisfaction towards the UMS-mobility programme was generally favourable except for some grievances towards logistics management.

