

# *Knighly Adventures Abroad*

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Advice to future study abroad participants:  
Keep an open mind



Complete this Sentence:  
If I could do it over, I  
would...**NOT CHANGE  
A THING**

Major(s): Nursing

Years/Term Abroad: Summer 2014

**Name of program and why you chose it: Summer nursing Ecuador trip. I chose this trip because it offered a nursing course and I was able to learn more about Hispanic culture.**

**Describe the Housing Situation: I lived with a wonderful host family who made us feel extremely welcome in this new culture.**

**Best Memory: My best memory was when I helped one of my patients and getting to see a smile on her face and know she was happy even though there was a language barrier.**

**How has this experience enriched your Bellarmine educational experience? It gave me the opportunity to experience a different culture and grow as a future nurse.**

**Greatest Challenge: The greatest challenge I faced was being fully immersed into a culture in which I did not know the language.**

**Experiences with Culture Shock or Reverse Culture Shock: Arriving in Ecuador I had a big culture shock from the language and their easy going culture.**

**What you know now that you didn't know before going abroad: That everyone has the same basic human needs and that different people just live their life in different ways.**

**Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer.**