Successes and Highlights

University leaders and units have for many years worked to bring employment and education equity and diversity understanding to the campus community. In our College, these efforts have been re-energized as a result of the dedicated and enthusiastic work of faculty, staff and students.

The College of Pharmacy and Nutrition has done much to integrate cultural competence into the curricula. Notable among these endeavours were faculty, staff and students consultations and workshops provided by Trevor Wilson, Global Human Equity Strategist, and integrating cultural competency training.

The College is committed to increasing opportunities for international experiences for faculty, staff and students. Faculty are pursuing exciting collaborations in Japan, India, China, Brazil, Ethiopia and Uganda. Our students regularly take part in international experiences around the globe.

And back at home our students participate in interprofessional education, service experiential learning, that not only contributes to their education and understanding of social and community issues and most importantly their personal development in terms of leadership and solid citizenship.

Future Plans

Our College Strategic Plan 2012-2016 identifies strategies and activities to enable our faculty, staff and students to contribute to the University’s success in the Culture and Community: Our Global Sense of Place area of focus for this planning cycle. Examples include:

1. Embed further cultural competency material in curricula.
2. Ensure programs include information on diversity of practice and health care in other countries.
3. Encourage faculty to take advantage of supports on campus (eg, the GMCTE) to help implement cultural competence in the classroom.
4. Increase opportunities for students to work with diverse communities.
5. Plan more opportunities to celebrate the diversity and cultural richness that exists among our faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate student bodies.