

# The Meeting of Two Disciplines through Relational Practice

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**Learning Goals: increase students confidence, interest and knowledge of different cultures**

- Be exposed to people from other cultures and countries
- Experience cross-cultural communication situations
- Need to be open with social etiquette, political and cultural influences
- Develop a broader understanding of different communication practices



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## SON Assignment Purpose

- Critically reflect on communication and cultural considerations
- Critically reflect on nurse practice with another cultures

## Interview Process & Surprises

- 80 SON students, 80 international SOBE students and 40 domestic SOBE students... divided into groups of five!
- Intercultural friendships created - voluntarily meeting several times afterwards
- Translation apps on phones don't work!
- Canadian nursing students lack knowledge on their own political, economic and social world
- Domestic student clashes
- Practical benefit: it's okay to shake hands at TRU!

## SOBE Assignment Purpose

**Increase Cultural Literacy**

- Personalize social, political, and economic concepts through conversations about home country differences,
- Increase your communication skills and understanding of factors involved in building an intercultural relationship.
- Complete a written report comparing countries political, economic, and social differences influence individual's behavior, lifestyles, and future career opportunities.

Interview Group Structure:  
2 SON students, 2 international SOBE students & 1 domestic SOBE student

## Project Challenges

- Communication
  - direct vs indirect
  - trust building
  - polychronic vs monochronic
  - nationalism
  - language barriers - Open enrollment

What is the role of nurse in your country?

What mannerisms are acceptable and unacceptable in your country?

How should I behave if I have dinner in your home?

## Reflections

- Previous un-witnessed behavior, dynamic changes
- Domestic students (female), taking on the whole project
- Two different groups:
  - Need a similar playing (Charter)
  - Each have a different focus and motivation