

Institute for Education

The institute for education is a multicultural immersion experience that allows participants to learn and interact with the local culture and tour through the program's host community.

Institute participation is first reserved for counselors, but can also include counseling students and individuals of varying professions. Each individual's professional identity will complement their learning experience. Learning activities from the local community will contribute towards continuing education credits.

The program also provides a foundation for counselors, counseling students and other professionals to build new relationships and possibly return to the host country for further volunteer collaboration independent of the institute.

Learning Objectives

Professional counseling and orientation and ethical practice:

Participants will learn about specific strategies for outreach to members of the local community.

Social and cultural diversity:

Participants will learn about different aspects of the local culture through direct interaction with members of the community.

Human growth and development:

Participants will be introduced to available resources that provide mental health support for the community.

Counseling and helping relationships:

Participants will learn evidence-based techniques to build healthy relationships with members of the local community.



Credits

NBCC-I has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continued Education Provider, ACEP No. 803. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. NBCC-I is solely responsible for all aspects of the program.

NBCC-I is offering 20.0 clock hours for this institute.

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Presenters

The following are potential presenters:

Stefan Jansen is the deputy director of the Center of Mental Health at the College of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Rwanda. As a senior researcher, his research interests include global mental health, with a focus on translating successful local practices and solutions into an academic framework. Dr. Jansen also performs research in the area of knowledge-attitude-behavior change through interventions in road safety, radio dramas and more. In addition, he is active as a neuroscientist, setting up the first fMRI neuroscience experiments to be conducted in Rwanda.

Murekatete Francoise is the acting executive secretary of the Association of Genocide Widows (AVEGA - Agahozo) and in charge of its mental health program. She is a clinical psychologist and has 15 years of professional experience as a trauma counselor, providing individual and group counseling to Genocide survivors, as well as trainings focused on trauma, mental health issues and PTSD for psycho-social facilitators in the community. She also served as a social worker at international relief and recovery organization ZOA for two years, working in a project supporting orphans in Rwanda.

Darius Gishoma is a lecturer and the head of the Mental Health Department of the College of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Rwanda. Dr. Gishoma is a clinical psychologist, and his research interests lie in treatment development and evaluation for PTSD, depression and substance abuse.

Serge Rwigamba works at the Kigali Genocide Memorial, where he coordinates, arranges and provides tours. He holds a bachelor's degree in international relations. Mr. Rwigamba works with other genocide survivors in capacity-building, and in other programs and workshops organized by Never Again Rwanda. He traveled to Uganda three times in 2010 to hold talks on raising awareness and fighting genocide as well as building a bright future for youth. In March 2014, he was invited by Humanity in Action (HIA) to travel to Denmark and share about Rwanda's recovery process to Copenhagen secondary schools.