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The Center for Global Health aims to leverage the Hampton Roads Community’s strength in education, research and service, to improve the health and quality of life for people locally and around the world. The mission of the center is to positively impact health and well-being of populations through collaboration with faculty, students, communities and partners.

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New Innovative HealthWISE Training

The Center for Global Health partnered with Bon Secours Health System, Virginia, launched the first HealthWISE training in the US at Mary Immaculate Hospital in Newport News, Virginia. HealthWISE stands for Work Improvement in Health Services. The tool was recently developed by a joint team composed of the World Health Organization and the International Labour Organization (ILO). It is based on the ILO Work Improvement in Small Enterprises methodology that has a 20-year track record of successful implementation in 45 countries. HealthWISE uses the insight of workers and managers to make workplace improvements while utilizing low-cost solutions.

The Old Dominion University Center for Global Health in partnership with Bon Secours Health System, Virginia, piloted the first HealthWISE training in the United States at Mary Immaculate Hospital in Newport News, Virginia. The project was funded by the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization. The training was broken up into two days and consisted of eight modules, group discussions and group exercises. Participants included Bon Secours nurses and faculty and staff from ODU. Topics discussed included occupational health and safety, biological hazards and infection control, creating a green and healthy workplace, the key role of staff, working time and family-friendly workplace measures, and selecting, storing, and managing equipment and supplies. Participants gave insight into the health and safety needs of their workplace as well as made recommendations to strengthen their healthcare system. All participants demonstrated increased awareness of the health and safety needs within their workplace and are excited to share this newfound awareness with their peers and management.
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NIDA Drug Awareness Week

National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week, started by NIDA, is an opportunity for local organizations to educate teens on the myths and facts of alcohol and drug use. This event was hosted by the Center for Global Health at a local school. The event focused on the use of prescription drugs, New Psychoactive substances (NPS) and alcohol. A fun and interactive jeopardy game was used to test the knowledge of the students while shattering the myths of drug use. Students were given a brief presentation regarding key points about prescription drugs and NPS prior to the trivia game to further emphasize the objective of the game. Next, students were broken down into teams and asked questions regarding prescription drugs and NPS. The center gave students factsheets, provided by NIDA, which had answers to the jeopardy questions. This helped facilitate teamwork/collaborative environment where students were able to discuss among themselves and work through the trivia questions before providing a team response.

Information Session: Study Abroad Brazil

The Center for Global Health hosted an information session on the study abroad program in Brazil. Director of the Center, Dr. Muge Akpınar, gave a brief presentation on information regarding the trip. The center offered additional information and answered questions regarding the Interprofessional study abroad in Brazil course in Dragas Hall.
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