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*Now that you are in San Diego State University's Rehabilitation Counseling Masters Program, have you thought about exploring the International side of Rehabilitation Counseling?*

*If so, let us tell you how you can do so even while you are enrolled in classes!*

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## **TRAVEL TO MEXICO OR CANADA...AND RECEIVE CREDIT TOWARDS YOUR MASTERS DEGREE**

You can use this International Experience as part of ARP 798 – Special Study units. Here's how:

**1 . Be a part of the CCRDS group. Start by emailing your interests, goals, and why the International side of Rehabilitation Counseling appeals to you, to Manny Enriquez at [mannye@interwork.sdsu.edu](mailto:mannye@interwork.sdsu.edu) or Melody Beltran at [melodyb@interwork.sdsu.edu](mailto:melodyb@interwork.sdsu.edu) .**

**2 . Currently, we have an Institute coming up on February 23-25, 2004 in Hermosillo in the state of Sonora, Mexico. Topics at the Institute will include:**

- INDEPENDENT LIVING
- SOCIAL INCLUSION
- SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF DISABILITY



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## International Experience Opportunity

### **WHAT IS CCRDS ALL ABOUT?**

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CCRDS or the Trilateral Consortium on Capacity Building in Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies is a project funded by FIPSE (Funds for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education) as part of the U.S. Department of Education. The program focuses on strengthening our social capital through the development of human resources for community rehabilitation and disability study contexts such as contained in the curriculum of SDSU's Rehabilitation Counseling Program.



### **PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT**

The primary purpose of this project is to promote high quality cross-cultural learning and professional development experiences that will lead to better employment outcomes for persons with disabilities and the professionals that work with them.

A related purpose is to work closely with Non-governmental organizations (NGOs), businesses and others interested in disability issues in developing better programs and human resource practices.

These purposes are framed by the following goals:

- to promote a sound understanding of employment and independence issues faced by people with disabilities in the three countries (US, Mexico and Canada), the policy bases that have or are being developed to address these issues, and the universality of application of principles of social justice and inclusion to other underrepresented groups
- to examine ways in which all of the programs can be mutually supportive in developing program content responding to new and emerging issues related to employment of persons with disabilities

- to build on prior experience in distributed program delivery by developing and institutionalizing transnational courses that will fit into degree programs

## **THE PROGRAM'S HISTORY**

Last semester, 5 students (on campus and distance learners) enrolled in ARP 798 and traveled to Hermosillo, Mexico and met with students from the University of Arizona and the Universidad de Sonora del Noroeste (University of the the Northwest in Sonora) and the Universidad de Sonora. Students from all universities worked with agencies and community organizations that provide services for the disabled community in Hermosillo. Together the students conducted a workshop on Capacity Building in order to expand the knowledge of the agencies and community organization representatives. The workshop will enable these representatives to seek out and find new funding sources in order to expand their services in the community.

## **THE FUTURE VISION...**

This semester we hope to continue providing the agencies and community organizations support in their search for funding sources and grant writing. We also would like to get students involved in future long-term (semester long) and short-term (couple of days) exchanges. The future exchanges will cover topics on:

### **February 23-25, 2004 Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico**

- Independent Living
- Social Inclusion
- Social Construction of Disability

### **JULY 2004 (exact dates TBA) Calgary, Canada**

- Social Justice Approach to Disability
- Community Development/Disability Studies Curriculum
- Participatory Action Research

### **JANUARY 2005 (exact dates TBA) Tucson, Arizona**

- Indigenous People
- Women & Disability
- Family Involvement