

Marketing Your Global Experience

Whether you studied, served or interned abroad, all of these experiences are very valuable to your career portfolio. These skills and experience add to your career development and make you more marketable to employers and help you to stand out.

Here are some tips that will assist you with conveying these skills on your resume and to an employer.

- ✓ Take **inventory of the skills** you have developed and experiences that you encountered.
- ✓ Write out what you have learned and how relevant it is to your professional career. These are called **transferable skills**.
- ✓ Write these experiences in the **accomplishment statement** format using the STAR method.
Situation/Task that you were involved in
Action that you took
Results (outcomes)
- ✓ **Cultural Competency:**
 - Include any foreign language that you used and your interaction with non-English speakers.
 - Did you develop a greater appreciation for other cultures?
 - These all can be considered your cross-cultural communication skills and build upon your cultural competency.

List of key skills that you may have developed (Taken from StudyAbroad.com):

- Independence/Self-reliance
- Self-knowledge
- Self-confidence
- Flexibility
- Perseverance
- Ability to cope with stress, rejection
- Assertiveness
- Inquisitiveness
- Awareness of lifestyle choices and global consequences
- Adaptability to new environments
- Appreciation for diversity
- Ability to establish rapport quickly
- Open-mindedness
- Understanding and appreciation of other perspectives
- Suspend judgment about people and their actions
- Time management skills
- Learn through listening and observing
- Concern/knowledge of international issues and politics
- Learn quickly
- Greater focus on career interests
- Handle difficult situations
- Critical thinking skills
- Function with a high level of ambiguity
- Achieve goals despite obstacles
- Take initiatives and risks
- Communicate despite barriers

Resume Example:

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, The Valley Foundation School of Nursing,
San Jose State University, San Jose, California, expected Dec 20XX, GPA: 3.8

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Community Health Clinical: Global Practicum in Grenada, Summer 2015 (PHN) 06/XX-07/XX

- Participated in organizing a health fair through collaboration with key persons
- Performed health screening and ensured at risk populations received follow-up care through local clinics
- Teamed with OT to educate on health promotion, early detection of diseases, proper body mechanics on lifting and mobilization, and medication teaching through home visitations and clinical sites
- Teaching resulted in awareness of lifestyle choices and more mobility for chair fast residents

Interview Preparation

Prepare to discuss your experiences in person, and show how they relate to the type of work you are pursuing. Review the skills list to brainstorm what you experienced, and use the STAR method to articulate and showcase your accomplishments. Inform the employer of how you stepped out of your comfort zone and immersed yourself into another culture which shows adaptability and flexibility.

Here is a list of questions you can anticipate:

1. Tell me about yourself?
2. Tell me about a time that you had to deal with a stressful situation?
3. Tell me about a time where you had to work with a diverse group of people?
4. Why should we hire you? What is something unique that you can bring to this position?
5. Tell me about a time that you had to take a risk?
6. What is something that you have done to develop yourself?
7. Tell me about a time that you had to be resourceful to figure out a situation?
8. What techniques have you used to listen effectively? Give me an example of when you applied them to a difficult situation.

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<http://www.cnn.com/2014/03/25/politics/michelle-obama-study-abroad-interview/>