Developing Intercultural Awareness through a Study Abroad Program

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Purpose of Study

➤ To examine how pre-service teachers (PSTs) can develop intercultural Awareness through study abroad experiences.

Research Question

➤ How intercultural challenges prepare preservice teachers for their future profession.

Literature

- ➤ Globalization (Findlay, King, Smith, & Keldon, 2012)
- English as the Lingua Franca (Baker, 2012).
- Diversity (Tuters, 2015)

Methodology

- > Ethnographic/Case Study
- > Duration: 18 days.
- ➢ Participant: 1 white, male, early childhood-6th PST.
- ➤ Triangulated data from journal, discussions, reflection, and interviews.

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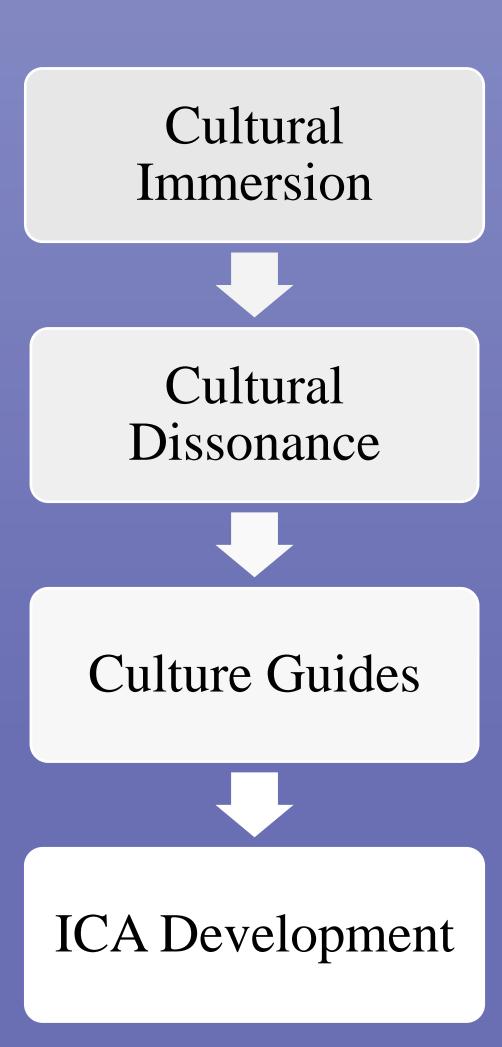
Findings

- > Stereotypes the participant had prior to their experience changed during the experience.
- > Language barriers.
- ➤ How the participant interacted and addressed cultural norms.
- Experiences the participant took away from the study abroad trip, they would like to apply to their life in the U.S.





Discussion



Tuters, S. (2015). Conceptualising diversity in a rural school. *International Journal Of Inclusive*

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