Wayne County Community College District Nursing students learned how to prevent spread of infectious diseases during Service-Learning trip to London, England

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The London Eye, sometimes called the Millennium Wheel, is 443 feet tall, and is one of the most popular public attractions in London. England.

Along with their study related lectures students had the opportunity to participate in an excursion tour of the City of London and visited such notable places as Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, the London Eye, Big Ben, Parliament Square, Westminster, and the Madame Tussaus' Wax Museum.

"There is a strong momentum in London to catch up with the United States, and use their organizational and procedural policies and actions as their own tool," Sexton said. "We were able to see nursing practices put into action, and compare and contrast nursing techniques and using alcohol to dull the patient's senses." Sexton found one difference in the way surgeries are performed in the United States.

"It is not like washing your hands before a meal, you have to gel in and gel out," said Collette Laws-Chapman, head of nursing education at both W CCCD Pediatrics instructor, Andrea S. Gaflord, chats with a staff member while on an educational tour of the Florence Nightingale Museum. London.

"During staff training we have the capability to detect if their hand-wash was thorough or not," said A kw anam nye, who is graduating this spring. "At first, I thought the rules only applied to the staff at the hospital, but when we were touring the wards at St. Thomas, I watched a man who was visiting the hospital gel in upon arrival and gel out when the exited. No one had to tell him. That is a unique policy to have," A kw anam nye said. "It is not like washing your hands before a meal, you have to gel in and gel out. gel in and gel out. There are gel sanitizer bottles at every entrance on every door, and the bedside of each patient. Anyone entering the facilities that house patients must sanitize their hands before and after their visit." Sexton said the "United Kingdom's initiative to provide students with the chance to travel to England. "Today's nurses need an array of approaches to the discipline and to further their understanding of course content," she observed. "Another area that was fascinating to me was that educators are not allowed to 'sign off' on students in the clinical area. Students are placed with mentors and the mentors are the only ones who can take responsibility for signing off." Sexton said that service learning is essential to help future nursing students understand and appreciate the discipline and to further their understanding of course content;

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