Project Partners
- Instituto Nacional de Salud Publica, Cuernavaca México
- Rollins School of Public Health
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies – Emory College
- Emory Global Health Organization
- Emory Global Health Institute
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Populations/Communities Served
- Compañeros Exchange-Collaboration Program
- MPH Students attending INSP and RSPH

Timeframe
- 2006-2010
Project Goals

• Establish a long-term collaboration between INSP and RSPH through an MPH student exchange with a focus on the following areas: institutional and cultural emersion, networking, and research.

Expected Outcomes

• Identify areas of collaboration in training and research in public health between MPH students and faculty members at RSPH and INSP
• Address health disparities (infectious diseases, nutrition, maternal health, environmental, global health) among disadvantaged populations across the Mexico-US border through increased RSPH and INSP dialogue and collaboration.
Progress to date

- Three completed visits: INSP students at Emory in November 2007 and RSPH students at INSP in March 2007 and 2008
  - Networking between INSP and RSPH students and faculty
  - Socio-Cultural Emersion and Awareness
  - Increased Research Opportunities
- Promotional Video of INSP-RSPH Exchange Program

Next steps

- Upcoming visit of six INSP students – November 3rd – 9th, 2008
- Spring visit to INSP for six RSHP Students – March, 2009
- Continue building networks, training opportunities, and research collaboration between INSP-RSPH
- Application to LACS for further financial support
Project Partners
• Emory Global Health Institute, Atlanta, GA
• CAPASITS clinic, Puebla, Mexico

Populations/communities served
• The underserved population in Puebla, Mexico

Project Participants
• Elizabeth Barrera
• Alejandra Mijares
• Rebecca Wheeler

Project Timeframe
• June 30 through August 8, 2008
Project Goals and Objectives

- Gain an understanding of Mexico’s public healthcare system and response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.
- Increase students’ knowledge about the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Mexico
- Observe the daily functioning of CAPASITS by shadowing and interviewing health workers.

Expected Outcomes

- Collaborate with Mexican health workers at CAPASITS (government HIV/AIDS clinic) and Hospital de la Mujer to develop proposals for future studies (Elizabeth Barrera and Alejandra Mijares).
- A qualitative study regarding nurses’ attitudes and perceptions concerning work stress, HIV/AIDS, the nursing profession, and migration intentions (Rebecca Wheeler).
Progress to Date

• Elizabeth Barrera developed a proposal for a project addressing patients disclosure status and the effects on healthcare service uptake.
• Alejandra Mijares developed a proposal addressing limitations in the Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) program at the Hospital de la Mujer; a pilot assessment of physician-patient communication utilizing Motivational Interviewing as a framework was conducted.
• Rebecca Wheeler’s study interviews have been transcribed, are currently being coded, and prepared for journal submission.
Next Steps

- Elizabeth Barrera anticipates submitting a proposal to the IRB for further investigation on the effects of healthcare service uptake in relation to an individual’s HIV/AIDS disclosure status.
- Alejandra Mijares will conduct analysis of observations made during clinic patient sessions and a final report will be submitted in November 2009. Additionally, IRB proposal submission is anticipated for the developed PMTCT proposal.
- Rebecca Wheeler has submitted an abstract proposal to present a poster based on interview findings at the Southern Nursing Research Society in spring 2009 and will submit another proposal to the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care for fall 2009.