

**UMSSW Office of Continuing Education**  
**Global Learning**  
**May 17-23, 2020; \$2300; CEUs: 20**  
**Best Practices in Child Welfare: Learning from the UK**

**Group Study Abroad**

The UMSSWCPE Global Learning Program is designed to broaden and/or deepen the social work knowledge, skills and/or values of the participants through exposure to social issues, policies and practices within a foreign cultural context. This program is directed and facilitated by UMSSW faculty who identify learning objectives, determine competencies to be achieved by the students, design the study abroad curriculum and accompany the program participants. Gain up to 20 units of CE while having the experience of a lifetime! *Contact your tax advisor to find out how much of your adventure travel may be eligible as a tax-deductible expense!*

***Best Practices in Child Welfare: Learning from the UK***

Travel to London, England to learn about best practices in UK child welfare, along with the history and development of UK child welfare services. Participants will hear from UK child welfare leaders and experienced practitioners about child protection, foster care, and adoption policies and systems. With support from UMSSW faculty Caroline Burry, participants will have opportunities to compare and contrast US and UK policies and systems in order to bring lessons learned back to the US. The experience includes site visits to child welfare agencies, along with visits to two sites of historical importance in the development of child welfare services: the Foundling Museum and the Dickens Museum.

Ample time during the week is allowed for sightseeing on your own; participants are welcome to arrive earlier/leave later than the program for additional time in London or beyond.

**Learning Objectives**

By the end of this training, participants will

- Understand the social care system in the UK, the diversity and sensitivity of care situations, and the wide variety of UK care services including their interconnections;
- Know the history of child welfare services in the UK and how this history has informed US practice;
- Demonstrate systematic knowledge and a critical understanding of key aspects of the application of child protection, family-based services, foster care, and adoption in the UK;
- Know how UK practice empowers service users in child welfare programs as a model strengths-based perspective; and

- Be able to apply their learning about child welfare in the UK to their own practice

### **Your Experience Includes:**

- Hotel Accommodations: Residence Inn London Bridge (six nights)
  - Call us for roommate options 410.706.1839
- Up to 20 Continuing Education (CEU) Category I Credits
- Educational Opportunities and lectures at Historical Sites (*transportation by London's Metro is the travelers responsibility*)
- Small group size to maximize learning, comfort, and flexibility
- Entrance fees of scheduled sightseeing
  - Charles Dickens Museum
  - Foundling Museum
- Some Meals
  - Breakfast each day
  - Opening Dinner (*alcoholic beverages not included*)

### **Passports and Requirements:**

- All participants should have or acquire a valid passport with at least 6 months validity remaining.
- Secure own travel arrangements: It is highly suggested to fly into London Heathrow (LHR) Airport.
- Overseas travel insurance and/or medical insurance (recommended but not mandatory)
- Phone/ internet services.
- Additional costs may vary.

<b>Itinerary</b>		
<p>Each day (except Tuesday) has time built in for you to explore London on your own. Please note that you will only receive CEUs for the workshops that you attend. Travel to the workshop locations is your responsibility. We will meet as a group at a designated time for each workshop to travel together; however, it is your responsibility to be present if you would like to travel with the group. You must be willing and able to ride on the London Underground (subway). If you decide to bring a guest, your guest is <b>not</b> permitted to attend the workshops.</p>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>What/Where</b>	<b>Time</b>
Sunday, May 17, 2020	<p><b>Arrival</b> (<i>You are welcome to arrive in London earlier on your own. The included hotel nights begin on the 17th.</i>)</p> <p><b>Mandatory Group Dinner and Overview of the Program</b></p>	6 pm
Monday, May 18, 2020	<b>Morning Session:</b> The UK Social Care System and Lessons to Be Learned	8:30-12:45
Tuesday, May 19, 2020	<b>Full Day of Training:</b> Child Welfare in the UK: Lecture at the hotel and site visits to the Foundling Museum and the Dickens Museum	8:30-4:30
Wednesday, May 20, 2020	<b>Morning Session:</b> Child Protection, Adoption and Foster Care Best Practices	8:30-12:45
Thursday, May 21, 2020	<b>Afternoon Session:</b> Family- Based Services and Service for Caregivers	1:00 - 4:45
Friday, May 22, 2020	<b>Morning Session:</b> Bringing It All Back Home: How to Infuse UK Practices into Your Work	8:30-12:45
Saturday, May 23, 2020	<p><b>Group Breakfast</b></p> <p>Departure (<i>You are welcome to stay in London on your own. The included hotel nights end with the 22nd .</i>)</p>	8:00 am

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Thank you for applying to the Global Learning Program. The University of Maryland, School of Social Work is committed to lifelong learning. As you complete the application, be certain that you understand the requirements. **The \$75 application fee is non-refundable and the application deadline is November 14, 2019**

**Personal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit the following:**

- Resume/CV
- Copy of Professional License (if applicable)
- Personal Statement (Please describe your current position and briefly indicate why you would like to be selected and how you think the program will strengthen your work with clients. If you are not currently licensed or practicing, briefly describe why you are interested in the program and how you believe the program will strengthen your professional capacity).

**Class Dates and Times**

Failure to attend the appropriate number of classes will result in a reduction of CEUs.

**By Clicking the boxes, I acknowledge and agree that:**

- This trip include a large amount of walking and I am comfortable walking long distances.
- I can manage uneven pavement, stairs or lifting.
- RELEASE FROM LIABILITY** I have read the Terms & Conditions, the Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Arbitration Clause and understand the entirety of that document. I agree that my payment and

subsequent acceptance of my travel documents constitutes my acceptance of those Terms & Conditions, the Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause. By checking this box, I agree to these Travel Terms & Conditions and The University of Maryland, Baltimore Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause for myself, each member of my traveling party and any minor children accompanying me.

**Payment Cost and Schedule: \$2300**

Applicants can choose to pay for the entire program or enter our complimentary four-payment schedule below. First payment is non-refundable. Any refunds processed after the first payment are subject to an administrative fee.

Payment Due Date	Payment
Initial payment: December 1, 2019	\$ 700 Non-refundable
Payment Two: February 28, 2020	\$ 550
Payment Three: March 20, 2020	\$550
Payment Four: April 3, 2020	\$500

**Please do not submit checks, make payments online or**

**Phone Payments: 410.706.5040**

**Cancellation:** The initial payment is non-refundable. Once a partial or full payment has been made, cancellations will only be accepted in writing. Submit your cancellation to [cpe@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:cpe@ssw.umaryland.edu) If you do not receive an acknowledgement within 48 hours, call 410.706.1839 to ensure your information was received. Cancellation terms will be applied based on the date that the written cancellation is received and based on the following dates prior to departure. Cancellation fees apply to the remaining balance and are listed below.

**All reservations, except where specified:**

- 60 to 31 days prior to departure: -50% of cost
- 30 to 15 days prior to departure: -90% of cost
- 14 day or less prior to departure: -100% of cost

**Group Harmony:** To ensure the desired group synergy, CPE reserves the right to accept, reject or expel any individual who is deemed disruptive or incompatible with the interests of the group, including, but not limited to, (a) if it is reasonably believed that an individual is dangerous to others or to themselves; (b) has engaged in or threatening to engage in behavior that may adversely affect the safety, security, well-being or enjoyment of other individuals; (c) who are intoxicated and/or under the influence of drugs (d) who has failed or refused to follow CPE rules and procedures or the instruction of CPE employees or representatives. Expenses, including cancellation fees and/or costs for alternate travel plans or to return home, will be the responsibility of the passenger. All unused services are non-refundable. UMSSW-CPE shall be entitled to recover from the individual any cost or expenses incurred by UMSSW-CPE or its representative in the removal of the individual.

I do hereby affirm that all statements made herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. By signing this form, I am stating that I understand and will adhere to the standards outlined.

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Signature	Print	Date
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Please **mail** your completed application package to:

University of Maryland, School of Social Work  
Office of Continuing Professional Education  
525 W. Redwood St, Rm 2E16  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

For questions, contact us at [cpe@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:cpe@ssw.umaryland.edu) or 410-706-1839

## **UMB INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL RISK POLICY**

This policy applies to any international travel done by a person ("Traveler") under the auspices of any school or department that is part of the University of Maryland Baltimore. It applies to an academic program undertaken by a student, whether or not for credit, and to any other international posting of a student or employee (full or part-time) when done for service, research or training activity undertaken in the course of UMB employment, fulfillment of curriculum requirements, or as part of any other activity sponsored by a UMB school or the UMB campus.

### **Each Traveler is responsible for:**

- 1- Assessing the safety of a proposed destination;
- 2- Assessing the personal financial implications of international travel and/or residence;
- 3- If a student, consulting school academic advisors to determine if travel or study is a good choice and to address related issues, e.g., if financial aid or stipends are available for travel and study abroad;
- 4- Consulting personal advisors to determine if international travel is a good choice and to address health, legal, financial, insurance, and other issues in preparation for travel abroad;
- 5- Reviewing, completing and submitting all required documentation such as: application forms, Out of State Travel form, Warning and Liability Release and emergency contact information forms;
- 6- Obtaining passport, visas, immunizations, and medical insurance;
- 7- Obtaining a card as evidence of coverage under UMB travel accident and casualty insurance, and obtaining insurance instructions;
- 8- Establishing a basic communications plan, such as obtaining a cell phone with international service and providing the number to the school and family;
- 9- Informing school of plan to travel, location and extent of stay;
- 10- Obtaining from the school pre-departure confirmation of information applicable to Traveler's assignment -- term of assignment, supervisor name, benefits and allowances, housing arrangements.
- 11- Adhering to UMB travel policies.

### **The Traveler's School is responsible for:**

- 1- Making available to the Traveler upon request examples of basic resources to assess safety of travel and the destination, such as links to International SOS, or the Department of State Overseas travel advisory website (see "Basic Resources for Assessing International Travel Safety");
- 2- For students, providing general information about international assignments;
- 3- Identifying advisors who can help a prospective Traveler address campus-specific issues, such as how financial aid applies to study abroad;
- 4- Establishing a basic plan for communication with a Traveler, such as maintaining a list of each Traveler's international cell phone number;
- 5- Obtaining completed documentation from the Traveler before departure, such as application forms, Warning and Liability Release, itinerary, emergency and next of kin contact information and proof of medical insurance;
- 6- Providing a card as evidence of Traveler's coverage under UMB travel accident and casualty insurance and insurance instructions;
- 7- Providing pre-departure confirmation of key issues relevant to a Traveler's international travel and program/assignment, such as term of program/assignment, supervisor name, benefits and allowances, and housing arrangements.

## BASIC RESOURCES FOR ASSESSING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SAFETY

The following is a list of some resources may be helpful in researching regional safety issues.

**International SOS** – UMB contracts with International SOS to provide medical and travel security assistance. [www.internationalsos.com](http://www.internationalsos.com). There is a 20% discount for UMB Travelers.

**The Department of State** – DOS issues travel advisories and consular information pages on every country. <http://www.travel.state.gov/>

**The Center for Disease Control (CDC)** – <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/default.aspx>

**The UMB Traveler's Clinic** -- <http://umm.edu/programs/geographic-medicine/patients>

**Overseas Security Advisory Council** – OSAC fosters the exchange of security-related information between the U.S. government and the American private sector through a variety of reports available on the Web. <https://www.osac.gov>

**The Federal Aviation Administration** – The FAA provides information regarding airport safety, airline safety, and traveling overseas. <http://www.faa.gov/>

**The Association for Safe International Road Travel** – ASIRT asserts that motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of serious injury and deaths for all travelers. ASIRT also provides international travel reports. <http://www.asirt.org/>

**World Bank** website [www.worldbank.org](http://www.worldbank.org) and the **International Monetary Fund** [www.imf.org](http://www.imf.org) provide technical information on countries.

The New York Times, Washington Post, and Christian Science Monitor offer coverage of international affairs. Foreign local newspapers also provide important access to information. Many countries offer English-language daily or weekly newspapers.



**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE  
INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENT WARNING  
AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

SCHOOL & NAME OF ASSIGNMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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("Assignment" - academic program of a student, faculty or exempt staff (whether or not for credit) international posting of an employee for service, research, or training undertaken by UMB through its employees.)

START/END DATES OF ASSIGNMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR SITES OF TRAVEL, STUDY OR WORK ON ASSIGNMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!**

In consideration of being permitted to participate in a University of Maryland Baltimore ("UMB") international assignment, I acknowledge that there are elements of risk traveling and living abroad, including but not limited to those that I have been advised about.

I understand that dangers include, but are not limited to, injury, death, property loss, political or civil unrest, crime, and other safety issues. I understand all countries have different laws and standards, including but not limited to those relating to health, welfare, safety, crime, political and religious expression, regulations of businesses and transportation (including airlines, airports, travel by sea, land or air).

I have researched and reviewed material on safety and health and I acknowledge that I have been advised to share this material with my family and to consult my own health, financial and legal advisors as I deem necessary. It is solely my responsibility to acquaint myself with the potential dangers of all aspects of risks associated with international travel, work, and residence.

**MEDICAL EMERGENCY**

I represent that I am physically and mentally capable of participating in the Assignment and I have no known health restrictions that might jeopardize my safety or the safety of others during my Assignment. I understand that a medical emergency may occur while I am on Assignment. Medical emergency may necessitate the administration of medical care, hospitalization, or surgery. If I am unable to grant permission when emergency treatment is required, I authorize UMB through its authorized representative(s) to secure, and on my behalf to consent to, necessary treatment including, but not limited to, the administration of anesthesia and surgery. I understand that such treatment shall be solely at my expense and I agree to reimburse UMB for any expenses which it may incur on account of my injury or treatment. I understand that I have authorized, not required, UMB to secure medical treatment on my behalf. I understand that medical care for emergency or non-emergency health situations may not be available, and I will not hold UMB responsible if appropriate care cannot be secured. I acknowledge that I must have health and emergency evacuation insurance effective in all destinations during the entire term of my time abroad.

I authorize UMB to convey medical information about me to any person I have identified as an emergency contact or next of kin. If I have a medical power of attorney or "living will", I have provided a copy of it to my UMB department administrator in the United States.

I am aware of provisions, if any, for transportation and accommodations during my Assignment. I acknowledge there may be unavoidable or unforeseen changes of plans, in which case UMB will make reasonable efforts to help secure an appropriate alternative. I am aware these attempts may create greater risk than originally foreseen, and I accept that risk.

**PROMISE NOT TO SUE**

I promise for myself and my heirs and personal representatives not to make any legal claim against UMB or the State of Maryland, its agents, employees, officers, Regents or representatives for loss or damage of property, personal illness or injury, or death, arising out of travel or activity conducted by or incident to my Assignment, including without limitation claims related to the provision or unavailability of medical treatment.

**WITHDRAWAL FROM ASSIGNMENT**

I am solely responsible for all costs arising out of my activities as identified by UMB, and all expenses arising from activities not within the formal scope and term of the Assignment, while on leave from the Assignment, and in the event I am dismissed or voluntarily withdraw from the Assignment prior to its completion, including but not limited to withdrawal caused by disciplinary action by UMB or a host institution abroad. In the event that UMB or its agent has committed expenses on my behalf prior to the start of my Assignment, I understand that these funds may not be refundable, and I may be required to reimburse them to UMB.

**RULES OF CONDUCT**

I understand I am subject to the laws of the destinations where I will be. I realize there may be significant cultural and legal differences between the United States and foreign countries. It is my responsibility to be informed about the local laws and to behave in a manner that complies with those laws.

I understand that I may not be afforded the same protections available under U.S. or Maryland laws. If I am convicted of violating drug, alcohol or other laws while abroad, I can expect a possibly lengthy and expensive legal process, jail sentence, capital punishment and/or significant fines. Legal costs and fines will not be reimbursed by UMB.

I understand that UMB requires that I must conduct myself in an appropriate manner at all times. I will obey host country laws and guidelines for conduct set by the Assignment. I will adhere to UMB policies and procedures and will behave in a manner that is respectful of the rights and well-being of others.

I understand that neither UMB nor any person employed by UMB is responsible for my safety and welfare while I am traveling or living abroad on my UMB Assignment, or during free time.

I am at least 18 years old.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have caused this Warning and Release of Liability Form in its entirety to be executed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Witness Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name:

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Printed Name: