

DTU Delegation Pays Field Trips to Singapore and Ho Chi Minh City

Recently, a DTU delegation visited the Duke - NUS Medical School, the Singapore General, Mount Elizabeth and Novena hospitals, and the Pham Ngoc Thach University of Medicine and the Medical Center in Ho Chi Minh City.



The DTU delegation at the Duke - NUS Medical School in Singapore

Reporting on the trip, Associate Professor Nguyen Ngoc Minh, DTU Vice-Provost, said: *“Our new Health Science programs require an effective development strategy to improve the quality of education which meets the growing demand for qualified healthcare workers in our community. The knowledge we gained in Singapore and Ho Chi Minh City will help us enhance our Medical and Pharmacology programs by implementing the most advanced teaching methods.”*

The DTU delegation inspected the Team-Based Learning (TBL) method adopted by the Duke - NUS Medical School. TBL is a fairly new approach to teaching, where students depend on each other for their education and are held accountable for coming to class well-prepared. It transforms traditional methods by the introduction of problem solving and interpersonal skills training. Research has shown that students are more responsible and engaged once team-based learning is implemented.



Associate Professor Nguyen Ngoc Minh reports on the trip

DTU aims in its Health Science education to teach preclinical and simulation skills, by building medium-sized medical centers which provide preclinical training, with standard and multipurpose laboratories, installed with special equipment, such as simulators and robots.

DTU will also upgrade its partnerships with hospitals in Danang and Quang Nam, particularly with the Family Hospital, where Health Science students intern. The university is also planning to build a Clinical and Simulations Skills Education Center and a Diagnostic Center, before building the DuyTan Hospital.

Previous collaborations will serve as the foundation for DTU to build its new programs and update educational training methods in Medicine. International partnerships, such as the one with Illinois Medical University and the University of Pittsburgh Medical School, have allowed DTU to make some decisive steps in Health Science education, providing the community with a large, high-quality workforce in health services.

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