NURSING EDUCATION IN JORDAN
A FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR’S PERSPECTIVE

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Disclosure

Objectives:
- Describe the process of nursing education in Jordan
- Discuss the major issues facing nurse educators in Jordan

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The Fulbright Scholars Program

- Created in 1946 by US Congress
- Under the auspices of the US State Department
- Funded by US and participating countries
- Purpose: cultural and educational exchange
- Currently in more than 150 countries
- Various programs for US and foreign scholars and students
Jordan

- Slightly smaller than Indiana
- Population estimated at 6.5 million
- About 1 million refugees
- 55% of the population is under 25
- 92% Sunni Muslim
Nursing Education

- 1998 – present: Associate degrees
  - 27 programs in 2012
  - Decreased to 19 programs in 2015
- 1972 – present: Baccalaureate programs
- Only BSc graduates are called Registered Nurses
The University of Jordan
Faculty of Nursing

- First university based nursing program in Jordan
  - 1972 – male and female students matriculated
  - Male admissions halted until 1982

- 1986 – Masters in nursing
  - Three tracks (critical care, palliative care, psychiatric)

- 2005 – PhD program began
  - First graduates in 2009
  - By 2013 there were 46 graduates
The University of Jordan
Faculty of Nursing

- 65 teaching faculty
- 825 undergraduate students
- 99 Masters students
- 46 PhD students
Cultural Issues

- Gender issues related to work outside the home
- Women patients prefer female nurses
- High percentage of nurses are men
Major Issues in Nursing Education

- Lack of clinical experience of some of the faculty

- Discrepancy between the English language (mostly US) textbook view of nursing and the culturally different environment that the students find in the hospitals

- Large clinical groups (8-10 is common)
Major Issues in Nursing Education

- Lack of available clinical sites for students and lack of student access to electronic records
- Entrance to the nursing program is based on the composite score of general national exams given during secondary education
- The need to limit the number of male students because of female patients’ preference for female nurses
Strengths

- Strong support for nursing from HRH Princess Muna, Mother of King Abdullah II
- Strong research ethic
- An Honor Society that will petition to join STTI
- Jordanian Nursing Council
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