

Traveling is an Education

If you are the scholarly type, it might appeal to you to see traveling as an education. While traveling, you learn a great deal. You learn things that you couldn't learn by staying at home.

Culture

While traveling, you learn the idiosyncrasies of living in a particular area or what I call the culture of the area. Every place is different. People eat a little differently; they may talk different and participate in different activities and ways of doing things. Sometimes there are subtle differences that you wouldn't know unless you lived there for a period of time such as when you are on assignment.

This cultural experience will give you great insight into people as well. How someone's culture affects how he or she sees the world and makes decisions. You will be able to relate to others easier as you travel and experience their surroundings. For example, let's say you are in Oregon and you meet someone from Alaska where you have been on assignment before. You will be able to talk to this new person with some familiarity and have a better idea where they are coming from.

Career

Your career will take on new perspectives as you learn how many ways things can be done. Once you learn different methods, you will have the ability to be more flexible and resourceful in the future by drawing on your varied knowledge of things that you have seen.

You will learn about new technology out there first hand and learn how to work them. Eventually, you can make suggestions to other hospitals about technology out there that would solve some of their dilemmas.

Furthermore, traveling can provide you with a broader picture of the nursing profession as a whole. You will not only see what the nursing shortage is like at your facility, you will see what it is like all over the country. You will also get to see how nurses are treated in different parts of the country. For example, in general, nurses are treated much better in California due to the unions than in some areas of the South.

Places

You will not only learn about different cultures, but you will also learn about different places and what their landscape is like. Living in an area is much better than trying to look at a map to see what a place is like. Some areas have rolling hills or mountains while other areas are flat. Some places have lots of lakes or oceans and some are dry. How do people entertain themselves in these different areas? You will find out.

Traveling educates you on your nursing profession, people, places and life in general. This is a priceless education that you can take advantage of unlike many other professions.