



“I feel so lucky for the unique opportunity to visit Ghanaian communities and learn about indigenous medicines. Undeniably this experience will challenge my perspectives on healthcare, affecting my values and future motivations.”

Nevada Zabol

Nevada Zabol, from Toronto, Ontario recently received her B.A. & Sc. in Microbiology and International Development at McGill University.

Nevada’s interests in health development and social policy have lead her to participate with the Coady Institute in the 2010 Youth In Partnership Program.

She is excited to engage in community-based development and learn about indigenous medicines and philosophies. Nevada hopes to pursue graduate studies or a career in health and healthcare policy.

Nevada will be going to Ghana to intern as a HIV/AIDS project assistant with the Center for Indigenous Knowledge and Organizational Development (CIKOD). Her work with CIKOD will focus on promoting indigenous healing practices and integrating these practices into HIV/AIDS development initiatives.

CIKOD is involved in working with indigenous and traditional institutions to help them become more vibrant civil society groups that will enhance the participation of rural communities in their own development processes. CIKOD’s HIV/AIDS Prevention project aims to reduce stigmatization and improve HIV/AIDS prevention and care in Ghana by working with traditional leaders.

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