

University of Scranton Impact on China Travel

As a graduate of the University of Scranton's Master of Health Administration program, the fusion of innovative curriculum and experiential learning opportunities were immensely beneficial in my preparation to lead as an Administrator at a large nursing home facility in Connecticut. Within a relatively short time, I was extremely pleased to be a part of a team that transformed a facility nearing receivership to deficiency free status. This success is owed in great part to the relationships developed and mentorship nurtured at the University of Scranton, a community that provided outstanding guidance and support. Having this extended network of peers and colleagues presented new opportunities for my family and me, in the form of relocation to Chapel Hill, NC to be closer to UNC Healthcare, where my wife completed a specialty degree in Infectious Disease and I became involved with Genesis Healthcare and the emerging Rehabilitation Services market in China.

My interest with Genesis's expansion into China had been crafted from a love of cultural diversity, involvement in several international humanitarian projects in Asian countries, a study abroad course in 2002 from the UofS to better understand China's Healthcare system, and the prospect to share personal and professional knowledge, skills, and abilities within the long-term care and rehabilitation environment. My first short term assignment to China, last year, consisted of aiding in developing a business plan for a combination Western rehab/traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) Vitality Rehab Center, creating the feasibility report and determining placement of this Center, development of job descriptions and curriculum-training materials for a newly designed Health Coach position, cultivation of necessary local relations, and expansion of referral base and provider sources.

The experience was exciting and proved rewarding for both parties and a decision was made to move my family this August to continue efforts and also prepare for a joint venture in which I will be tasked with leading a large rehabilitation department at a Level A, Tier 3 1,000 bed hospital in Zengcheng, Guangdong, China. The team will consist of specialized therapists applying smart medicine and integrative care to optimize wellness, manage chronic disease, and sustain a lasting lifestyle change for clients. Individualized therapy programs will combine Eastern and Western services and modalities designed to *Prevent, Improve, Restore, and Sustain* overall health and wellness; essential for promoting functional independence and maintaining the highest quality of life. I look forward to sharing more of this adventure with my friends at the University of Scranton and thank you again for the strong support over the years!

Personal regards,

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"We do less than we ought to, unless we do all that we can!"