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From Study Abroad to Scrubbed In: Life Lessons for Pre-Professional Health Science Students (and me)

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In this seminar, listeners will:

1. Understand the importance of cross cultural experiences,
2. Explore the application of “see one, do one, teach one” in professional growth, and
3. Understand the importance of incorporating values of service, humility, and lifelong learning into healthcare careers.

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