Module 1 – Overview of the Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad

MODULE 1 - Standards Assignment 1

Write a formal, persuasive memo (no more than one page) to the leadership of your institution or organization to make the case for why resources need to be allocated to provide training for all faculty leading education abroad programs. Assume that your leadership is not familiar with The Forum on Education Abroad or the Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad. Choose two Standards that are most relevant to conditions at your institution or organization. Explain the importance of addressing these areas of concern with the Standards as your guide.

MODULE 1 - Standards Assignment 2, Part A

Write four case studies that, in total, represent all nine principles addressed by Standards of Good Practice. Each case study should be written from a different education abroad perspective. Identify the Standards that are relevant for each case by listing them and identify the education abroad perspective.

Example Case study
You are a study abroad advisor at a private college. You have an ‘approved’ list of study abroad programs and also a petition process for students who wish to study in programs that are not on that list. A student comes to see you to talk about a program he would like to attend in Belize. (His friend at another university has already been accepted to the program.) The program is a faculty-led short-term program in anthropology offered during the winter break and run by another institution. Students earn 3 semester credits for an independent study project conducted during the 3-week program. The program materials read, 'since anthropology is such a wide-ranging discipline, students on the program may devise a project on almost any topic they would like.'

STANDARDS ADDRESSED: 2,3,6
PERSPECTIVE: Study abroad advisor at a private college

MODULE 1 - Standards Assignment 2, Part B

Choose one of your case studies from Assignment 2, Part A, and:

1. Using the Standards of Good Practice as your guide, identify the specific issues in the case study (cite the Standard(s) in your explanation).
2. Identify at least five specific queries that are relevant to the case (cite the Standard and Query number, example: Std. 3, Query 2). Respond to each query explaining how you might resolve or prevent the issues identified in your case study.
3. Within your discussion of the queries, locate relevant resources in the Standards Toolbox (Member Resources) or elsewhere that would be useful to address the issues identified in your case study. Explain how each resource would be useful for resolving the issues presented in your case study or preventing such issues in the future (include hyperlinks to the specific resource with your response).