

2 An attitude of modesty and respect

Major Competency

IEPs demonstrate modesty about their own culture's answers to problems and a respect for the ways of the local culture, are humble about their knowledge of the local context, and are therefore willing to learn much and consult with locals before coming to conclusions on issues.

Core Competencies

- 2.1** IEPs show in their attitudes and behaviour a respect for the local culture.
- 2.2** IEPs demonstrate humility by not soliciting acknowledgment or drawing attention to themselves.
- 2.3** Despite the importance of an attitude of modesty and respect, IEPs nonetheless have the self-confidence to take initiatives and promote change where called for by the assignment.

3 An understanding of the concept of culture

Major Competency

IEPs have an understanding of the concept of culture and the pervasive influence it will have on their life and work abroad.

Core Competencies

- 3.1** IEPs have a conceptual understanding of how culture affects all people and societies.
- 3.2** IEPs understand the influence of their own cultural conditioning and how some values of their own culture may cause problems in the host culture.

Interculturally effective persons can empathize with, not just understand intellectually, how the locals see the world.