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Knowledge of the host country and culture

Major Competency

IEPs possess knowledge of the host country and culture, and try constantly to expand that knowledge.

Core Competency

4.1 IEPs demonstrate a desire to learn about the host culture.

Behavioural Indicators

4.1 Interculturally Effective Persons:

- can identify what they need to know about the host country in order to enhance personal satisfaction and professional effectiveness (e.g. an economist needs to know geography, history, natural resources etc.)
- exhibit curiosity about and invest time in learning more about the host culture, both experientially and through research, by:
 - reading extensively
 - socializing with host nationals
 - exploring different regions of the country
 - eating local food etc.
 - participating in local practices and traditions (e.g. religious services) and then by reflection deepen their understanding of the local culture