A Bolivian schoolgirl brushes her teeth at a communal sink with her classmates.

**When**
August 19 – September 2, 2011

**Who**
Open to any student enrolled in a dental hygiene program (at any school) or dental professional

**Applications**
Applications due April 15, 2011

**Assistance**
Scholarships and financial assistance may be available

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2011 International Summer Institute
COCHABAMBA, BOLIVIA

“Oral Health Training in Bolivia: Increasing the Opportunity for Young Women Living in Poverty”
(Special Topic, Dental Hygiene 292: 3 credits)

The Course
This course emphasizes teaching basic and significant dental care to indigenous people through a service learning activity which is facilitated by Smiles Forever.

This course explores dental disease (both periodontal and rampant caries) and the practice of dental hygiene on a global scale, enhancing the student’s perspective on how to teach essential hand skills in an environment without normal equipment available, teaching home care skills to people living in poverty and an awareness of dental health issues in an impoverished environment.

By immersing the student in a Latino culture, they will come back with an enhanced ability to relate to and work with another culture and different situations.

The Experience
Our time in Cochabamba will include visiting and working with the first and only, newly developed dental hygiene school in Bolivia, Smiles Forever Dental Hygiene School.

The Partner
Smiles Forever Foundation is a nonprofit organization, based in Seattle, Washington with a training facility and clinic based in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Humanitarian dental relief programs already exist in Bolivia that provides emergency dental care for shelter residents. Smiles Forever is unique in that it offers homeless young indigenous women an opportunity to learn a skill (dental hygiene) which allows them to utilize their newly learned skills to support themselves and their families and contribute to their community where the need for preventive dentistry is so great.

Smiles Forever Foundation’s philosophy is that it is important to invest in programs that are culturally sensitive to educate and encourage the population to develop and value for their own country. Rather than accept patchwork humanitarianism as the solution to global problems, Smiles Forever believes that the only way to really break the cycle of poverty in developing nations such as Bolivia is through education.

Students will organize and conduct an outreach community service project to provide information and education on basic dental homecare prevention to improve basic health; they will work one-on-one with a Bolivian dental hygiene student on instrumenta
tion techniques; train students in new procedures with enamel sealant materials and placement and fluoride varnish application techniques, which with little cost would dramatically reduce decay.

The participants will experience firsthand this unique humanitarian model and see the impact of social, economic, political and environmental forces that determine the quality of life for people in impoverish communities.

The students will gain the ability to transfer learned skills from their experience.
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3) Pay a deposit. Accepted participants must submit a $1,600 deposit no later than April 15, 2011 to the SCC cashier (FOSS 5227) or by calling 206-546-7850. Important refund and cancellation policies are on the “Shoreline Community College Study Abroad Agreement” form available at www.shoreline.edu/studyabroadapply and in the International Programs Office (PUB 9303).

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• Completion of SCC study abroad application
• Successful interview with Prof. Rosie Bellert
• Students are required to register for Dental Hygiene 292 (3 credits).
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NOT INCLUDED

- Medical Insurance
- SCC Tuition and fees
- Passport fees
- Immunizations
- Personal expenses
- Anything not specified as included in the program

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