Purpose
The 13th College of Nursing Honduras mission took place in March 2013. The project has expanded from a small trip of three people and a community assessment to a full-fledged health care mission to the people of Honduras. The program in Choluteca is divided among six villages and a consortium of five fishing villages for primary care and the Hospital del Sur which is the public hospital in Choluteca.

Impact
In the villages we do urgent care, primary care and well woman care. We have continuity of care using an OSU educated Family Nurse Practitioner and a Honduran physician, so patients get care all year even when we aren’t there.

We see around 1,500 patients during our mission. Students work in the local hospital modeling appropriate nursing care. In addition, our students present in-service education for the hospital staff, including training in CPR and standard infection precautions. A health visitor project has been going on for the last four years where we educate village women in areas of simple first aid, blood pressure monitoring, infection precautions and how to take care of people who have leg or foot ulcers as a result of their diabetes or hypertension.