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# Manipal and Boston nursing students exchange experiences

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MANIPAL: The nurse practitioner students of Manipal College of Nursing and a team from MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston, had a beneficial interactive session here last week, giving a fillip to the Nursing College's Critical Care Postgraduate Residency Programme.

It is a two-year clinical residency programme prescribed by the Indian Nursing Council to address the need for nurse practitioners/nurse specialists in the tertiary care setting in the country. The programme began in MCON in 2017.

Elissa Ladd, associate professor, Advanced Practice Nursing, also an adjunct faculty at Manipal College of Nursing, accompanied by Patricia Lussier-Duynstee, assistant dean and assistant professor, academic affairs,

School of Nursing, MGH Institute of Health Professions are at MCON along with students of acute care nurse practitioners, family care nurse practitioners and paediatric nurse practitioners.

The students from Boston were posted in the clinical areas of Kasturba Hospital along with students from Manipal. In the interactive session, MCON students presented various critical care case scenarios. The students from Boston compared and discussed the methods of how history of patients are taken and focused on physical examination in their setting. There was a good interchange of knowledge, information and ideas among the students.

Acute care nurse practitioner students and the physician assistant students from MGH Boston demonstrated how physical

assessment is done. Elissa Ladd gave a demonstration of how comprehensive physical assessment is done at the primary care setting with Brittney Harris as simulated patient. Shannon Swenson (physician assistant student) demonstrated comprehensive physical assessment in the acute care setting with Ms Laura Mackey as simulated patient.

In another session, Elisa Ladd and two students of the paediatric nurse practitioner course, Valerie Kiers and Caitlyn Shea gave a brief orientation on the roles and responsibilities of paediatric nurse practitioners in the USA. They also spoke on the curriculum and evaluation process of the course.