

Leadership and Team Simulation: Everest V2 (Reflection)
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The NJCU Summer Institutes are always filled with opportunities to learn more about the teaching styles of the faculty; opportunities to bond and become better acquainted with the members of the cohort, exciting in-class activities, as well as knowledge from guest presentations to help the doctoral student accelerate his or her career. I jumped into Summer Institute II, head first, certainly not knowing what to expect. I wondered what could Dr. Zieger possibly come up with that would be more intriguing than the previous year. Well, the Everest simulation certainly spooked me. In reality, I have a fear of heights, so I know that I do not have a personal goal to mountain climb or take a hiking trip. Nevertheless, I do like a challenge or project and was ready to work on it and conquer it with good communication and team support.

My team members (Deb, Gigi, Martha, and “Leonard” who was the “designated leader”) and I strategize to see how we could achieve the goal of reaching the peak of the Himalaya and as the photographer, it was my job to create and capture the “special moment” and produce photos and a video of the “Khumbu Ice Fall”. For this simulation, I was an award-winning photographer for a top nature magazine and was prepared to take pictures every step of the way. Our team achieved all of the goals we set out to accomplish. We effectively decided on how the supplies would be distributed and thought about decisions that affected health, oxygen levels, and the goal of reaching the summit. Leonard was a good leader, he listened to the team, Deb was an excellent physician, Gihan ran the Marathon at a good speed, Martha kept us alert about the conditions and I captured each magic moment. To conclude, our team got the highest bonus points for the simulation and avoided being rescued. Well done, team Himalaya!!!