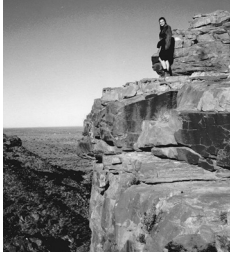


Studying Abroad in Australia with Non-Apparent Disabilities



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Why I Didn't Disclose My Disabilities

EEG waves in vivo:



Test 1



Test 2



Test 3

- History of non-disclosure
- Didn't think they'd let me participate
- Labeling of 'disabled'
- Not knowing about the Disability Service Office

How I Prepared for the Experience

- Finding a nearby physician
- Therapist – on-call beeper
- Medication, insurance, and socialized medicine
- My own accommodations
 - o Tape recorder
 - o Individual room/roommate preferences
 - o Fun sounding classes
 - o Return ticket
 - o Instructions to others in case of degeneration



Studying in Australia



- The Good
 - Friendships
 - In-room phones
 - Well-prepared
 - Public transport
 - Use of calling card
 - Joined polo team
 - Flight coupons
- The Bad
 - Laptop problems
 - E-mail limited
 - Chronic fatigue
 - Dorm & holidays
 - Faxing research
 - No tape recording
 - No crisis center

Back in the United States



- **Readjustments**
 - Changes in relatives
 - University beginning in just weeks

What I Learned



- Who I am
- Flexibility and adaptation
- Tolerance for diversity
- An international focus in studies and travel
- Swedish massage
- Where to find resources
