



College of Nursing and Health Sciences Medical Mission Study Abroad in Honduras



Stipulations

Study Abroad programs are available to registered Southeastern students 18 years of age or older and in good academic standing and to responsible persons, 18 years of age or older, who are not regular Southeastern students but meet a few basic qualifications. These are general minimum requirements. Specific Study Abroad programs may have additional restrictions, requirements, and prerequisites that must be met in order to participate. All persons interested in participating in Study Abroad should contact the International Initiatives Office for assistance.

Southeastern Louisiana University, hereinafter referred to as Southeastern, and its agents, directors, and officers, act only as agents in arrangements made for this program. Neither Southeastern nor its agents, directors, or officers shall be liable for any injury, death of persons, loss, damage or accident, delays or expenses arising from Acts of God, dangerous incident on land or sea, fire, breakdowns of machinery or equipment, acts of government or other authorities, wars, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, changes in itinerary, weather, sickness, or from any act of omission of any individual, firm or corporation furnishing transportation, sightseeing, hotel accommodations, or any other services in connection with the tours, site-visits, or other activities related to Southeastern's study abroad programs. The right is reserved to amend the advertised itinerary whenever transportation schedules or other factors make this necessary or advisable.



*For Full
Program
Information*

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Program Dates: June 11 – July 20, 2007

Trip Dates: June 30 – July 14, 2007

Tentative Cost: \$1,800 (subject to change pending Board approval)

Study Abroad adds an invaluable dimension to our academic, cultural, and professional development, and provides advantages in an increasingly competitive job market. Firsthand experience of other countries and cultures allows a clearer understanding of our common human heritage, our own selves, our own society and culture, and our place in the global community.

General Information

Spend 2-1/2 weeks of Summer 2007 in beautiful Honduras, while earning up to 6 credit hours in Nursing. The program, directed by Melissa Wafer, RN, MSN, CEN, includes lectures, presentations, site

visits and time to enjoy the local culture. A maximum of 15 students will be accepted. Students must submit a completed Application to Participate in Study Abroad, with payment of a \$100 non-refundable deposit and two letters of recommendation from faculty members, to the International Initiatives Office (IIO) by Feb. 28, 2007. Late applications will be accepted through March 2, 2007 with a \$250 nonrefundable late fee. Student will be notified in writing of approval to participate, ineligibility to participate, or waiting-list status. Students must be 18 years of age or older, in good academic standing, and enrolled at Southeastern during Summer 2007 to participate in this Study Abroad Program.

Courses Offered

NURS 451 International Nursing

NURS 300 Topics in Nursing

All courses are 3 credit hours.

City & Country

This program abroad is based in Tegucigalpa, capital of Honduras. Over 425 years old and with close to a million inhabitants, "Tegus" has many colonial churches and parks, good restaurants, and museums. Students will also visit rural health centers on the outskirts of the capital. Expect temperate weather with cool evenings, warm days, and sporadic rains. In Roatán, largest of Honduras's beautiful Bay Islands, students will spend a few days visiting local clinics and enjoying magnificent coral reefs, an astounding variety of fish and other wildlife, lush tropical settings, and exotic culinary delights. Expect plenty of sun, and the occasional shower.



Lodging & Meals

In Tegucigalpa, students will stay at Humuya Inn, located in a quiet residential neighborhood a few minutes from the airport and from downtown, with nearby shopping plazas, banks, cyber-cafés, and much more. See: www.humuyainn.com/

In Roatán, students will lodge in Foster's West Bay Resort (or comparable), a short stroll from gorgeous beaches, turquoise waters, and some of the best snorkeling and diving in the world. See

www.fostersroatan.com/westbay2005.html

Lodging will be double or triple occupancy. Most meals are covered in the program cost.

Program Activities

The Faculty Program Coordinator will schedule orientation meetings prior to the trip to Honduras. Attendance at these

meetings is mandatory and will be reflected in evaluations of students' program performance and final grades. Failure to attend these orientation meetings could result in suspension from the program.

This program will bring your nursing skills to a new level by deepening your understanding of cultural diversity, the cultural aspects of health care, and the health challenges faced by developing nations. Hands-on work with local health practitioners and patients in clinics, hospitals, and orphanages in urban centers and in rural and island communities will provide opportunity to apply practical nursing skills, assess the impact of global political and economic processes on health care systems abroad, and appreciate the professional nurse's role in safeguarding the human environment internationally. Time will be allotted for cultural excursions, tours, and sightseeing activities

Program calendar and itineraries are tentative. The right is reserved to amend the advertised itinerary whenever transportation schedules or other factors make this necessary or advisable.



Program Cost **\$1,800*** **Tentative**

Program cost includes: Up to six credit hours of academic instruction, fees for International Student Identification Card (Non-SLU students may have to pay additional ISIC charges), transportation airport-hotel-airport, lodging, some meals, excursions to various museums, parks, etc. **Passport costs are not included. Airfare is not included.**

Financial Aid & Scholarships

If you have already filed your Federal Financial Aid Application, you should contact Ms. Tara Laborde in the Financial Aid Office immediately to reconfigure your financial aid for this program. Bring a copy of your completed Application to Participate in Study Abroad.

If you have not filed your Federal Financial Aid Application, you should immediately file an application online at www.FAFSA.ed.gov. Contact Ms. Tara Laborde in the Financial Aid Office three weeks after you file your application. Bring a copy of your completed Application to Participate in Study Abroad.

Close to \$70,000 in study abroad scholarships will be awarded. Contact the International Initiatives, Office the Student Government Association, and your academic department, or visit the websites: www.selu.edu/Academics/studyabroad or www.selu.edu/StudentAffairs/SGA/Service/s/studyabroad.html for more information.

Travel

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airline tickets. **Students should NOT purchase tickets until advised to do so by the International Initiatives Office.** The International Initiatives Office will provide additional information when appropriate.

Students must submit a photocopy of their valid passport, a completed International Student Identification Card application (available in the IIO), and a passport-size photo to the International Initiatives Office by February 28, 2007.



Payments & Refunds

All program payments must be completed by February 28, 2007. Late payments will be accepted through March 2, 2007, with an additional \$250 late payment fee. All payments and deposits made by students deemed ineligible to participate will be refunded. All payments and deposits made by students for programs that are cancelled will be refunded.

Students wishing to withdraw from a study abroad program for which they have been approved to participate must do so in writing. Students whose written withdrawal is received in the IIO by February 28, 2007, 4:30 p.m., will receive full refund of payments made minus the \$100 non-refundable deposit.

Students whose written withdrawal is received in the IIO between February 28, 4:31 pm and March 2, 2007, 4:30 p.m., will be assessed a \$500 Late Withdrawal Fee. All other payments made by the student will be refunded.

No refunds will be made for written withdrawals received in the IIO after March 2, 4:30 p.m. No refunds will be made for students who withdraw from a program in progress. No refunds will be made for students who are scheduled to participate in a program but fail to attend.

In case of withdrawals, Financial Aid and scholarship awards made to cover Study Abroad costs will be suspended. In the event a student's anticipated financial aid and/or scholarships become unavailable for any reason, including suspension of awards because of withdrawal from the study abroad program, the student will be responsible for all applicable Study Abroad Program fees.

Cases of documented extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The student must submit a formal request for review to the IIO. The Request for Review must include a letter from the student explaining extenuating circumstances, adequate documentation supporting student's claim (medical records, etc.), other relevant letters and documents as necessary. The complete Request for Review package must be submitted to the IIO no later than the end of the regular Summer Term.

Grades will be established in accordance with Faculty evaluation of students' program participation and academic performance. Grade appeals will follow the regular established procedures, starting with an appeal to the course instructor.

These policies will be strictly enforced.