NICARAGUA:
CROSS-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON
HEALTH & HEALTH SERVICES

Maymester Study Abroad Program:
May 14–23, 2016

THE PROGRAM

Cross Cultural Perspectives on Health and Health Services is designed to increase
students’ appreciation of cultural diversity within the framework of intercultural
communication skills and to enable students to compare Nicaraguan health care and
environmental issues and systems with those in the U.S. Topics to be addressed
include: Nicaragua’s top health issues and the Nicaraguan health care system;
environmental issues and its relationship to physical health outcomes; and the role of
the Ministry of Health (MINSA) in coordinating health services throughout Nicaragua.
Learning activities will include presentations by local physicians, nurses, and
community health and development leaders, tours, service projects with community-
based health facilities, and roundtable discussions and presentations with officials
from MINSA.

The first week of the program (May 9-13) will be in Atlanta. During this time, the
Program Director will conduct lectures providing the participants with a general
overview of Nicaraguan history, basic conversational Spanish, intercultural
communication skills and pre-departure orientation. The next week (May 14-23) will
be spent in Nicaragua, including the following cities: Managua, Gigante, Rivas, San Juan
del Sur and Granada. The final week of the program (May 24–June 3) will be in
Atlanta, wrapping up the course and working on final projects.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Because the participants will travel to three different cities in Nicaragua they will stay
at three-star-rated hotels. Hotels will include double-occupancy rooms with a
shower in the bathroom, sitting area in lobby, laundry facility and wireless Internet.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

Students with documented disabilities who may need accommodations during their
study abroad experience should discuss these needs with the Program Director and
the Office of Disability Services at the time of application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 12, 2015

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Tentative Itinerary

May 14: Travel to Nicaragua.
May 15: Tour of clinic in Gigante and
       time on beach
May 16: Health project at school and
       house visits to the elderly
May 17: House visits to the elderly,
       service projects, community activity and
       reflection
May 18: Leave Gigante, Visit Las Pilas,
       Tola. Lunch in Rivas. Health clinic in
       Rivas. Beach time.
May 19: Visit Public Health Center in
       San Juan del Sur. Walking tour. Picnic on
       the beach. Presentations and watch
       sunset.
May 20: Visit Women’s Cooperative in
       El Carrizal. Visit Playa Hermosa.
May 21: Leave for Granada. Lunch and
       city tour in Granada.
May 22: Lake tour of “Las Isletas” in
       Granada. Visit Catarina and Volcano
       Masaya.
May 23: Return to Atlanta.
ELIGIBILITY

The program is open to undergraduate and graduate students who meet all the academic requirements of Georgia State University. Must be at least 18 years of age and a student at Georgia State University and the Byrdine F. Lewis School of Nursing and Health Professions. Program size is limited and participation is contingent upon acceptance by the Program Director.

CREDITS AND COURSES

Accepted participants will register for Selected Topics in the School of Nursing & Health Professions (SNHP): SNHP 3000, SNHP 3050 (undergraduate course) or SNHP 8050 (graduate course). Students from other institutions should follow their institution’s regulations concerning transfer credits.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Students interested in applying should find this program’s listing at mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and begin an online application. Interviews will be scheduled with the program director before acceptance into the program. Transient Students: please see the Transients Student section under the Explore & Apply tab.

International students at Georgia State who hold F-1 visas must contact the Office of International Students and Scholar Services at (404) 413-2070 to discuss possible implications of study abroad for their immigration status.

COST

Program cost may vary at any time according to currency fluctuations and changing travel arrangements. The program cost is tentatively set at $2188.00 PLUS regular Georgia State University tuition and fees. Non-resident/out-of-state students will pay in-state tuition plus a $250 fee in addition to the program cost.

FUNDING AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Georgia State University students are eligible to apply for the IEF Study Abroad Scholarship/Georgia State University Foundation Scholarship and may be eligible to apply for the Global Experience Scholarship. Visit mystudyabroad.gsu.edu and select the Scholarships & Financial Aid tab or call the Study Abroad Programs office at (404) 413-2529 for more information.