



International Education Center  
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USA

### PROGRAM PROPOSAL: STUDY ABROAD

**Name of Program:**

**Graduate Program MSN/FNP** – Primary Care of Children HONDURAS (NRSB 7050X) and Primary Care of Women HONDURAS (NRSB 7030X), and NRSB 6990 Independent Study Abroad Honduras.

**Undergraduate Program BSN** – Clinical Internship Honduras (NRSB 4980X)

**Proposal Type:**

First-time proposal

Renewal

- Complete this application.
- Briefly describe any substantive changes/modifications, including personnel, below. Continue to complete the entire application, but note major changes here:

NONE

**Proposed Location/s (City and Nation): San Esteban, Olancho Honduras**

**Proposed Program Season:**

Fall Semester or Winter Break

Deadline: September 1 of year prior to implementation. **DOES NOT APPLY 2019**

Spring or Summer Semesters

Deadline: April 1 of year prior to implementation.

**Program Personnel**

Program Leader Name Sallie Coke, PhD., APRN, BC

Expertise/Familiarity with Course Content:

Director FNP program, Interim Associate Dean  
Has conducted this program annually since 2013

Knowledge of/Experience with Region, Including Language Capabilities:

Works with Ministry of Health in Honduras and HOI  
Has conducted this program at this location since 2013 and speaks Spanish as does co-faculty

Assisting Faculty/Staff Name Kasia Shaw, MSN, APRN, BC

Role: Clinical faculty

Expertise/Familiarity with Course Content:

Clinical faculty in FNP program.  
Has been on 4 of the 6 previous trips to this location.

Knowledge of/Experience with Region Including Language Capabilities:

This will be her 5<sup>th</sup> trip to the area with students.  
Speaks Spanish

Program personnel have read and understand the Georgia College chaperone policy.

Program Director:  Yes

Assisting Faculty/Staff  Yes

Program personnel have read and understand the "Study Abroad Program Director's Handbook" at: <http://intranet.gcsu.edu/international/developing-a-study-abroad-program>.

Program Director:  Yes

Assisting Faculty/Staff  Yes

**General Description of Program (Nature and Purpose, plus Desired Student Outcomes)**

The purpose of these MSN clinical courses is to provide a precepted clinical experience in the primary care of women and children in a culturally diverse setting.

The purpose of the BSN clinical course is to provide a precepted clinical experience in the capstone course in a culturally diverse setting and to help the BSN student understand the importance of furthering their education by exposing them to the role of the advanced practice RN.

**Academic Component**

Course Number(s) and Title(s):

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Cross-listings:

Cross-listing consent obtained by appropriate department chair(s)?

Yes.

Documentation attached (Required).

[ ] No.

Contact Hours:<sup>1</sup>

Draft Syllabus (Required) Attached [X Multiple attached ]

- The syllabus should be unique to the study abroad program, and include learning objectives, methods of evaluation, and course-related activities and excursions.

1) **Describe the Site-Specific Academic Objectives**, noting the rationale behind the selection of the site(s) and how the proposed location and facilities will assist in meeting and/or enhancing the stated academic objectives.

NRSB 7030X and NRSB 7050X: In these courses, students will be allotted 45 of 90 total clinical practice hours in the primary care of women and 45 of 90 clinical practice hours in the primary care of children and adolescents. The majority of clients seen in the remote clinics in Honduras are women, children and the elderly as the men are in the fields or working.

NRSB 4980X: In this course, students will be allotted 36 clinical education/leadership hours and 36 clinical practicum hours of their total clinical hours of 240.

NRSB 6990X: Independent Study Honduras is open to graduate level doctoral students and is variable in clinical credit hours. This course is designed specifically to meet the needs of the individual doctoral student and syllabi are developed in conjunction with individual doctoral committee recommendations.

2) **Course Delivery**: Include content to be taught abroad, as well as pre- and/or post-program elements, including content to be taught on-campus or online.

In all four courses, students must meet national certification requirements as indicated in the professional programs (MSN and BSN). Students enrolled in these courses will be expected to complete assignments and requirements of the standard course (NRSB 7030, NRSB 7050, and NRSB 4980). Unlike students enrolled in the standard courses, students enrolled in NRSB 7030X, 7050X and NRSB 4980X will have part of their precepted clinical experience in Honduras.

Pre-program elements: All students complete orientation with IEC. Complete discussion of medical treatment of tropical diseases that may be encountered including Zika, Malaria, Dengue, Leishmaniasis, Chagas, Chikungunya and Bot Fly infestations. Graduate students are expected to recognize these disorders and know the protocols for treatment.

3) **Pre-Requisites and/or Language Requirements, if any**

BSN students must meet all requirements to be enrolled in NRSB 4980 Clinical Internship (see catalog)  
MSN students must meet all requirements to be enrolled in NRSB 7030 and NRSB 7050 (see catalog)  
No language requirements as interpreter are provided.

<sup>1</sup> All courses offered in shortened format must consist of, at least, the same number of contact hours, normally 45 for a 3-credit course, as those in a regular session. See: *Undergraduate-Catalog/Academic-Policies/Credit* online for specifics.

**Minimum and Maximum Number of Students to be Enrolled: 13 - 25**

**On-Site Academic Facilities/Resources**

HOI provides primary care of 33 villages as assigned by the Honduran Ministry of Health. They operate a large medical clinic staffed by a physician, nurse practitioner, pharmacist, health promoters, and nurses and operate three smaller clinics in rural outlying areas that are staffed by nurses. All of the clinics provide vaccinations, public health information, and many other basic health needs for an average of 10,000 Hondurans annually.

**Housing, By Location** (Name, type of housing, and full address with housing contact telephone number):

Teams stay at the HOI facility, Rancho el Paraiso, located 282 km from the capital city of Tegucigalpa and a 200 acre working ranch with three dormitories which have hot and cold running water, flush toilets, and approximately 68 single beds. They are located near San Esteban, department of Olancho in the central mountains (Sierra Agalta).

**On-Site Partners/Providers** (For example: Host institutions, service/logistical providers, and any faculty or chaperones from other institutions or entities. Include what services each will provide.)

Honduras Outreach, Inc. was established in 1987 as a nondenominational 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for the people of Honduras. Their programs include healthcare, agriculture and nutrition, education, faith building, commerce, and construction. The Honduran government identifies HOI as one of the top five most effective non-profit organizations in the country. HOI sponsors specialized North American medical professionals travel to the ranch to support the work of their Honduran staff through medical team trips. All travel, logistics, food and board arrangements are taken care of by HOI.

**Travel Itinerary, with Dates and Names of Transportation Providers**

- Include contact telephone number for each provider.

October 19, 2019 to November 2, 2019

Delta Airlines there and back.

In country: All provided by HOI - from airport to facility (takes about 1 day to travel to facility) and from facility to the clinics and the return trip to the airport. This is included in the accommodation price. Since students live in different areas of Georgia, transportation within the United States to the Atlanta Airport for departure and return will be taken care of by the individual student at that time and not included in the overall fees for the trip.

HOI

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**Program Leader has Checked Entry Visa Requirements for Each Nation Visited:** [X] Yes

- Note: You may have students travelling on non-US passports.

### Student and Program Safety

Program leader and assistants have reviewed the U.S. Department of State's "Country Information" webpage for each nation to be visited. [X] Yes

List the Department of State's "Travel Advisory Level" for each nation to be visited:

Level 3: Reconsider Travel (last update was September 2018)

List any Security/Safety Risks or Warnings Identified by the Department of State that Apply to any In-Country Regions or Cities being Visited.

Specifically for the Gracias a Dios Department due to crime. We do not go to this department. We are located in Olancho.

The Assistant Vice-President for International Education, in consultation with external experts, University Counsel, and the Provost's Office, will determine whether programs can consider travel to countries/areas with heightened travel alerts.

### Measures that will be taken to Ensure Student and Program Safety

HOI takes the following precautions to ensure the safety of medical teams:

- Teams travel together in HOI vehicles with armed security personnel
- Team members are told at all times not to go out after dark and to stay together in groups when they leave the hotels during the daytime.
- Team members are reminded not to wear clothing or jewelry that will attract attention.
- Team members are discouraged from displaying electronic devices.
- Local police in the Agalta Valley (San Esteban) provide additional security during the time the teams are at the Ranch.
- The Ranch is remote and gated with armed security present 24/7.

### Contact Information for US Embassies/Consulates with Jurisdiction over Locations to be Visited

- **Address** – Avenida La Paz, Tegucigalpa
- **Telephone** – 2238-5114, ext. 4400
- **E-mail** – [usahonduras@state.gov](mailto:usahonduras@state.gov)

**Contact Information for Local Police in each Location to be Visited**

Police Station, San Esteban, Olancho, Honduras  
Contacted through HOI Security at Rancho El Paraiso.

**Contact Information for Local Healthcare Facilities in each Location to be Visited**

Rancho El Paraiso – HOI  
Healthcare facility is located at the ranch where we are staying. Dr. German Jimenez is the director of healthcare and lives at the ranch, as well. He accompanies us to all clinics in the remote areas.

**List Programmed Activities, their Known or Anticipated Risks, and the Safety Provisions Being Undertaken for each Activity Listed**

In Clinics seeing patients: Possibility of **blood and body fluid contact** and contact with tropical diseases and **mosquito borne diseases**

All individuals participating in the 2019 Honduras medical team trip are superiorly trained in standard precautions and CDC recommendations for the prevention of transmission of tropical diseases, including Zika. Students and faculty participating are Registered Nurses (or within months of becoming Registered Nurses), and all standard precautions will be utilized while in Honduras. Regular use of mosquito repellent is encouraged. Pregnant students are not allowed on this trip due to the risk of Zika.

All students must have Hepatitis B vaccination prior to entry into the nursing program. All students must have the Hepatitis A vaccination prior to going to Honduras. Malaria prophylaxis is encouraged. Students carry water bottles complete with life straws for filtration of water. HOI provides all food and additional safe water for drinking.

**Will this Program Include any Activities such as Swimming, Snorkeling and Scuba Diving?**

No

Yes.

Program personnel have read and understand the Georgia College policy on swimming, snorkeling, and scuba diving printed in the “Faculty Director’s Handbook” and acknowledge the policy’s requirement to obtain insurance for any diving activities.  Yes

**Recruitment Plan (Specific strategies and planned activities)**

NRS 7030X and NRS 7050X: There will be open enrollment for all qualified FNP students interested in the experience. Qualifications are based on successful completion of pre-requisite courses and enrollment is open only for those students eligible to enroll in those courses. The number of FNP students per preceptor is set by the Georgia Board of Nursing at 6 students to 1 faculty member. Additional adjunct faculty members have expressed interest in accompanying students as well as several local physicians. This would allow all interested

NP students to enroll in the course. In addition, a fully qualified physician is already in the clinic in Honduras and serves as a preceptor for the FNP students.

NRS 4980X: Interested BSN students must have completed all pre-requisite courses and be eligible to enroll in the capstone course. Six to eight applicants will be chosen to go on this experience. Decisions will be based on the student's nursing program academic grades, recommendations from clinical faculty, experience abroad, Spanish speaking ability, and ratings on a formal essay.

Program leader will be on-campus both semesters prior to program departure:

Yes

No. Dates away:

**Program Budget**

As required by the "Faculty Director's Handbook," the program leader has developed the submitted budget in consultation with the Assistant Director of Education Abroad.  Yes

**Projected Cost per Student**, from Completed Study Abroad Faculty-Led Program Budget Template:

Completed Study Abroad Faculty-Led Program Budget Template attached  (Required)

Optional: Budget Narrative (Helpful to committee to understand unusual expenditures or cost levels that might require an explanation.)

Faculty Compensation: Faculty compensation will be calculated via the university's standard calculator. Enter other/additional sources of faculty compensation below.

**Note:**

- 1. An updated proposal must be provided, reviewed, and approved each time the program is proposed.**

2. Completed proposals signed by the appropriate department chair(s) and dean(s) are to be submitted to the International Education Center for review in accordance with the deadlines in effect for program approval.

**Faculty Program Director Signature**

As a faculty member leading this study abroad program, I certify that the program meets academic, fiscal, and health and safety standards outlined in the Study Abroad Program Director's Handbook. I agree to:

1. Attend two workshops hosted by the International Education Center;
2. Provide two pre-departure orientations for students; at least one must be coordinated with the International Education Center; and
3. Comply with Finance Office and all other regulatory guidelines as explained in the two pre-departure workshops.

**I understand that if I do not attend to these responsibilities, I will not be able to lead the Study Abroad Program.**

Faculty Name: Sallie Coke, PhD., APRN, BC

Date: 03/25/2019

Signature: *Sallie Coke, PhD., APRN, BC*



**Signature of Department Chair**

I certify that the program meets academic standards of this department and the university, as well as the curricular needs of students in this department, and the program does not compete for the same small pool of students with programs currently offered. I likewise certify that this department will assist with study abroad advisement and recruitment.

**Approved**     Not Approved (attach explanation)     Approved with Reservation (attach explanation)

Department Chair Name: Deborah MacMillan

Date: 3/26/2019

Signature: *Deborah MacMillan PhD., CNM*

**Dean's Signature:**

I certify that the program meets academic standards of the department, college and university, and meets the curricular needs of students in the college, as well as Georgia College, and does not compete for the same small pool of students with programs currently offered.

Approved     Not Approved (attach explanation)     Approved with Reservation (attach explanation)

Dean Name:

Date:

Signature:

**Chair of the Education Abroad Committee Signature:**

This study abroad proposal has been reviewed by the Education Abroad Subcommittee and recommended the approval of the study abroad program \_\_\_without amendments or \_\_\_with amendments. I certify that the program meets academic, fiscal, and health and safety standards outlined in the Study Abroad Program Director's Handbook.

Approved     Not Approved (attach explanation)     Approved with Reservation (attach explanation)

Committee Chair Name:

Date:

Signature:

**Assistant Vice President (AVP) for International Education:**

This study abroad proposal meets all above mentioned requirements and may proceed with International Education Center approval contingent upon meeting enrollment goals, maintaining a sound budget and satisfying all requirements and timelines for safe and effective execution of the experience.

Approved     Not Approved (attach explanation)     Approved with Reservation (attach explanation)

AVP International Education Name:

Date:

Signature:

**Signature of Academic Affairs:**

This study abroad proposal meets all above mentioned requirements and may proceed with institutional approval contingent upon meeting enrollment goals, maintaining a sound budget and satisfying all requirements and timelines for safe and effective execution of the experience.

Approved     Not Approved (attach explanation)     Approved with Reservation (attach explanation)

Provost or Designee Name:

Date:

Signature: