“International Healthcare: Service Learning in Nicaragua”

Join Dr. Patrick Hickey and 32 other University of South Carolina students as they serve the rural Nicaraguan community of Masaya by bringing healthcare to the people in their homes and clinics during Spring Break 2015. You will fly from Charlotte to Managua, Nicaragua, spending seven days volunteering, followed by evening classes on such topics as medical Spanish, tropical diseases, and how to suture or administer injections.

This program is highly competitive. The application can be found by clicking here: application. There is a 200 word limit for each essay, so clarity and precision will be key. Below is a timeline of events, as well as further information on how to pay, should you be selected to participate in the program. While the Capstone Scholars Program will extend you an invitation, the Study Abroad Office will make all final decisions pending a judicial review.

Program fee includes:
1. Pre-trip program set up and team processing.
2. Ground transportation to and from the airport in Nicaragua, to and from all service and clinic and housing as well as free time travel for recreation, shopping, site seeing and dining out.
3. Housing is inspected prior to the team’s arrival for safety and cleanliness.
4. Each team member will have their own bed and with a bathroom in each room.
5. Separate rooms for male and female team members.
6. Two meals per day. The third meal will be dinner out to enjoy the local culture and cuisine.
7. All bottled drinking water.
8. Accompanying staff – team leader and assistant, translators, drivers and in some areas a cook.
9. Physicians and nurses for training and supervision.
10. Training seminars, presentations, lectures, as well as a Field Medical Training Manual and Spanish Medical Phrase Sheet.

Program fee: $2050.00

Important Dates to Remember:
- October 1: All Capstone Abroad Applications open
- October 17: Application due
- October 17: Dobson Service Learning Grant is Due
  - http://www.sa.sc.edu/dobson/applications/ (Application and three recommendations)
- October 21: Capstone acceptance notifications
- October 27: Deposit ($285) due
- November 1: Spring Break Study Abroad Application and fee due to the Study Abroad Office (online)
- November 13: Passport (a clear, color copy expiring no earlier than October 2015) & payment 1 ($600) due
- December 4: Payment 2 due ($600)
- January 15: Payment 3 due ($565)

Program fee (deposit and 3 payments) are due to Erin Wilson in the Study Shack either before or on the due date. Cash or check made payable to the University of South Carolina are acceptable. Payments are combinable.

Health & Safety
Suggested vaccinations are against hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rabies, and typhoid. The traveler’s tetanus and diphtheria vaccination should also be up-to-date. As with traveling abroad to any international destination, personal safety is paramount. Please check the following websites http://travel.state.gov, http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/, and http://www.who.int/en/ for details.

All prices, except the program fee and Study Abroad application fee, are rough estimates and subject to change.