



Global Scholars Study Abroad Program 2016 SERVICE LEARNING Costa Rica and Nicaragua

Eligibility and Application Information

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY

Travel Dates: April 25 - May 6, 2016 (Dates are subject to change based on airfare)

What is the Service Learning Program in Costa Rica?

Gateway formed a partnership with VIDA, a non-profit organization promoting sustainable community building. The aim of this partnership is to provide service learning experiences that allow participants to use skills learned in the classroom while assisting grassroots programs in in needy communities across 2 countries in Central America.

To be eligible you must:

- Be declared in the Vet Tech, Dental or Medical (Nursing, Medical Assistant, Surgical Technology, Health Information Technology, EMT/Paramedic) program.
- Nursing students must have successfully completed all first semester nursing program courses by the end of the fall 2015 semester.
- All Students must have completed a minimum of 6 credits in their respective programs (Vet/Medical/Dental) with a C or better by January 13, 2016 or demonstrate equivalent knowledge
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) in declared program.
- Be able to provide two (2) recommendations from Gateway faculty
- Be available for an interview on the 3rd week of November, 2016
- Must be able to obtain a valid U.S. Passport by March 1, 2016
- Be in compliance with department and college policies.

Successful candidates will have the social maturity to represent the U.S. and Gateway abroad, work well in a team environment, and be able to handle uncertainty.

If selected to participate you will be required to:

- Register for and successfully complete course 104-105C Cultural Elements of Study Abroad (1 cr), and 890-106 Serving to Learn Globally (2 cr.)
- Meet all deadlines including payment deadlines
- Participate in **MANDATORY** pre and post departure activities including **MANDATORY Orientations**
- Submit a signed Publicity Release Form
- Submit a completed Medical/Emergency Information form. We reserve the right to request additional health information from you and/or a statement from your health care provider verifying your health prior to departure
- Submit a copy of the front page of your passport
- Keep your student account current
- Meet program requirements and comply with any applicable rule, code of conduct, regulation, instruction or law during the program. Noncompliance may result in expulsion from the program, forfeiture of fees, and being immediately sent home at your expense.

How much will it cost? (All fees are estimated)

Program Fees	\$2,190.00
This includes VIDA Program fees, airfare, transportation, lodging, most meals and medical insurance	
Expected out-of-pocket expenses:	
Passport (proof of valid passport required)	135.00
Vaccinations (optional but recommended)	100.00
Tuition for required courses	432.00
Incidentals & spending money (suggested minimum)	<u>200.00</u>
Total Estimated Expenses	\$3,057.00

Financial assistance

Gateway will pay your expenses for the program upfront and apply the funds directly to those expenses.

- New Global Scholar Students will receive \$750.00 in funds from Gateway
- Returning Global Scholar Students will receive \$500.00 in funds from Gateway.
- If you are eligible for financial aid, you may use it to pay tuition for the required coursework.
- Other fundraising opportunities may be available.

Fee payment schedule

Deposit

- \$75 paid to Gateway Global Scholars when application is submitted.
- Refundable if not approved for the program but is otherwise non-refundable.

Course tuition and program fees

- Paid to Gateway and subject to the same payment and refund policies as other Gateway courses. See your student handbook or Student Services Center for further information.
- Student account must be current prior to departure.
- For the remaining expenses, you can work out a payment plan through Student Services.

Participants who drop from the program will be held responsible for any unrecoverable fees incurred by Gateway Technical College.

TO APPY:

- **Complete pages 4-7 and submit to any Student Services Center with a \$75.00 deposit by October 31, 2015**
- **Send two (2) recommendations by November 15, 2015 to:** Chinedu Obowu, Gateway Technical College, 1001 S. Main St., Racine WI 53404 or obowuc@gtc.edu

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Chinedu Obowu at 262-619-6546 or obowuc@gtc.edu



GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM Policy Statements

The following policies govern student participation in Global Scholar programs at Gateway Technical College. By submitting an application for a Global Scholar program you are agreeing to abide by these policies.

Payment of Fees and Refund Policy

The following fee schedule and cancellation/refund policy apply to Gateway's Global Scholar programs:

- An application fee must accompany all applications and is refunded only if the student is not selected for the program.
- Course tuition is paid to Gateway and subject to the same payment and refund policies as other Gateway courses. See your student handbook or Student Services Center for further information.
- Other program fees paid to Gateway will be refunded less unrecoverable expenses incurred on the student's behalf upon written notice received prior to the departure date of the student's intent to withdraw from the program. No fees will be refunded after the departure date.

Student Program Requirements/Compliance

Students are expected to meet all requirements of the program including pre-departure and post-travel activities. Failure to meet these requirements may result in expulsion from the program and forfeiture of Fees. Furthermore students are required to comply with any applicable rule, code of conduct, regulation, instruction or law during the program. Noncompliance may result in expulsion from the program, Forfeiture of fees, and being immediately sent home at student's expense. The student must provide Gateway Technical College with advanced written notice if she/he decides to leave the program.

Statement Regarding Program Changes

Gateway's Global scholar program reserves the right to change the group's itinerary at any time without notice. Gateway Technical College may determine that circumstances within a foreign country require Cancellation of the program.

Release of Information

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, we provide certain directory information about students enrolled for study abroad. This information includes name, home address and telephone Number, home school, major, program and dates of attendance. We make this information available to study abroad advisors or other officials at other institutions. You may elect to withhold any or all of this Directory information by notifying our office in writing when the application is submitted.

Exceptions to the above requirements may be granted at the discretion of the International Program Coordinator.



Global Scholar Study Abroad Application Form
2016 SERVICE LEARNING – Costa Rica and Nicaragua
Application deadline is October 31, 2015

Biographical Information (Please Type or Print)

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender: M F

Citizenship: US _____ Other: _____ (*specify*)

Student Profile

Program: _____ Program Grade
Point Average: _____

1. List your principal extracurricular, community and/or volunteer activities, as well as honors/awards earned.

2. Are you under any legal restrictions that would affect your ability to travel abroad?

3. How do you plan on paying for this program including meals, shopping, etc.?

4. What are your expectations both academically and culturally for the program?

5. How do you anticipate this program will impact your career preparation?

6. Describe previous intercultural experiences, including experiences with people who differ from you with regard to race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, or religion. How have these experiences prepared you for the challenges of adjusting to a new culture and lifestyle?



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS / ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

This Acknowledgment of Risks / Acceptance of Responsibility Agreement and Release ("Agreement and Release") is Executed by _____ ("Student") and is issued to GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE, INC.

Name of Program/Training: 2016 Service Learning – Costa Rica and Nicaragua

Date(s): April 25 - May 6, 2016 (tentative dates)

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Student's desire to participate in the Program

Student acknowledges that he/she is participating in the Gateway Service Learning in Belize program. Student expressly acknowledges that he/she has freely and voluntarily decided to participate in this Program. Student acknowledges receiving the following written materials regarding the Program in which Student intends to participate:

Global Scholars Program Policies, passport requirements, course requirements and financial information.

Health and Safety

Student understands and acknowledges that:

Student has consulted with a medical doctor with regard to any personal medical needs. Further, Student represents that he/she has no health-related reasons or problems which preclude or restrict his/her participation in the Program.

Student is aware of all applicable personal medical needs, and has arranged, through comprehensive health and medical insurance, to meet any and all needs for payment of medical costs while he/she participates in the Program.

Student understands and acknowledges that the College may, but is not obligated to take any actions it considers to be warranted under the circumstances regarding the Student's health and safety. Further, Student agrees to pay all expenses relating thereto and releases GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE from any liability for any actions taken.

Acceptable conduct by Student

Student is aware of the behavior expected while participating in the Program. There is certain behavior that is unacceptable and could lead to possible disruption or discontinuation of Student's participation in the Program, including, but not limited to loud, boisterous, offensive or otherwise inappropriate conduct, the improper use of alcohol or other drugs affecting student's participation in the Program, as well as, carrying any firearms or other weapons while participating in the Program. Student shall abide by all policies, rules and regulations established by GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE and the Program. Student shall also abide by the rules, policies and procedures of any practicum placement. Student assures GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE that he/she shall act in an appropriate manner at all times. If GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE finds it necessary to expel Student from participation in the Program, he/she will not receive any refund of Program fees.

Waiver of GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE'S Liability and Indemnification of GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE for Risks and Dangers

As a condition precedent to Student's participation in the Program, Student agrees to exercise reasonable care at all times with respect to the safety of Student's own person and personal property, and with respect to the safety of other Students and their personal property. Student understands, however, that there are certain dangers, hazards, and risks inherent in the activities included in the Program. Student acknowledges that participation in the Program may involve the risk of damage to property, bodily injury, and, in some cases, even death. Neither GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE, nor the Program's Educational Coordinator, assumes any responsibility for such personal injuries or property damage. Student further acknowledges that he/she is at least eighteen (18) years of age, and is competent to sign this document. If Student is a minor under the age of eighteen (18) years of age, the parent and/or guardian acknowledges they are competent to sign this document on behalf of the Student.



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISKS / ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT AND RELEASE

Accordingly, Student, for him/herself and the Student's spouse (if applicable), heirs, assigns, related individuals and related entities, does hereby waive, release, absolve, discharge and agree to hold harmless GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE and its Board of Trustees, directors, officers, employees, teachers, agents and insurers, and the Program's Coordinator (collectively, the "Released Parties"), from and against any and all rights, claims, demands, causes of action, obligations, suits, liens, damages, or liabilities of any kind and character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, suspected or claimed, which the Student shall, or may have, in the future against the Released Parties arising out of, based on, related to, or connected with, the Student's enrollment and participation in the Program. Student also agrees to indemnify and hold the Released Parties harmless from the payment of any and all judgments, settlements, costs, disbursements and attorneys' fees that are associated with the Released Parties having to defend or investigate any claim, action or proceeding of any type whatsoever arising out of the Student's enrollment or participation in the Program, including, but not limited to, claims for breach of contract, negligence, strict liability, or otherwise. This indemnification obligation and Agreement and Release does not, however, absolve the Released Parties from any liabilities, damages, costs, disbursements and attorneys' fees incurred due to its intentional or reckless conduct.

Student understands that if any fact with respect to which this Agreement and Release is executed is found hereafter to be other than or different from any fact now believed by Student to be true, Student expressly accepts and assumes the risk of such a possible difference and agrees that this Agreement and Release shall be and remains effective notwithstanding such difference in facts.

Governing Law: Forum

Student agrees that this Agreement and Release shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under, or incident to, this Agreement and Release. The terms and provisions of this Agreement and Release shall be severable, such that if a court of competent jurisdiction holds any term to be illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law governing this Agreement and Release, the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected.

Other Provisions

The Released Parties are granted permission to authorize emergency medical treatment, if necessary, and that such action by the Released Parties will cause them to assume no responsibility for any injury, damage or medical expense which might arise out of, or in connection with, such emergency medical treatment.

It is the Student's express intent that this Agreement and Release shall bind the members of the Student's family and spouse (if applicable); and if the Student is deceased, it shall be deemed as a release, waiver, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Released Parties by the Student's family and spouse (if applicable), for any matter arising out of Student's participation in the Program.

By signing this document, Student acknowledges and represents that he/she is fully informed of the contents of this Agreement and Release. By reading it before signing it, and by signing this document as the Student's own free act, Student confirms that no oral representations, statements or inducements, apart from those made herein, have been made.

**This Agreement and Release requires you to give up substantial legal rights.
Please read and understand this document before you sign it.**

Student

Date