



**Guatemala Service Learning
Program
2024**

Eligibility and Application Information

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY

Tentative Travel Dates: April 22-May 4, 2024 (Dates are subject to change)

Description

Participants will visit Guatemala (Guatemala is the biggest country in Central America) and work with the non-profit group, VIDA Volunteers, in community building projects, setting up mobile clinics, and providing service to needy communities. Under the supervision of local bi-lingual healthcare professionals, GTC students will get hands-on training and experience in their respective fields. While providing needed community healthcare services, participants will also get to experience local culture and learn about Mayan traditions and customs as well as visit old colonial cities and ruins. **Open to students in the Healthcare Fields (Nursing, Dental Assistant, Physical Therapy Assistant, etc). GTC employees, and alumni.**

To be eligible you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be in compliance with department and college policies and free of disciplinary action or progressive disciplinary action
- Have or be able to obtain a valid U.S. Passport by January 2024.

Additional eligibility requirements for STUDENTS:

- Be declared in a Gateway Associate Degree or Diploma.
- Have completed 6 credits.
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) in declared program.
- Be able to provide two (2) letters of recommendation from Gateway faculty members.
- Be available for an interview Fall Semester 2024.

Successful candidates should have the social maturity to represent the U.S. and Gateway Technical College abroad with dignity, respect, and accountability for one's actions, work well in a team setting, and to be able to handle uncertainty with maturity.

If selected to participate you will be required to:

- Register for and successfully complete courses - Cultural Elements of Study Abroad (1 credit) and Serving to Learn Globally (2 Credits).
- Meet all deadlines including payment deadline
- 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

- 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 and subject to change) Includes: Airfare, some meals, transportation, standard hotel double occupancy rooms, and insurance.	\$2,300.00
Tuition Cultural Elements of Study Abroad and Serving to Learn Globally	\$483.00
Total:	\$2783.00

Other costs to consider, passport \$145.00 and spending money

Financial assistance for Program Fees

- New, first time Global Scholars will receive \$750.00 in funds from Gateway.
- Previous Global Scholars 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.

Fee payment schedule

- \$80.00 fee → refundable if not approved for the program but otherwise non-refundable. Paid after acceptance into program at Orientation November 2023.

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.

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

TO APPLY:

- ☐ **Complete online application by October 31, 2023**
- ☐ **Obtain 2 online recommendations from Gateway Staff (you will need their email address, and let them know you are asking for a recommendation)**

Whom do I contact if I have questions? Chinedu Obowu, International Education Coordinator at 262-564-2505 or obowuc@gtc.edu