

## Belize: Global Health and Service Learning

Extending the WKU mission by promote wellness of body, mind, and environment both locally sand globally.

### COURSES

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DH 360	CD 589
NURS 317	PH 456
SWRK 495/695	

### Program Leaders

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Daniel Carter and Bonny Petty, Institute for Rural Health – Program Directors  
 Kimberly Green, Communication Sciences and Disorders  
 Trish Desrosiers, Social Work  
 TBD, Public Health  
 Daniel Carter, Dental Hygiene  
 Beverley Holland, Nursing

### ACCOMMODATIONS

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Hotels: Belize City, Gales Point

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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This program is a curriculum-based service learning project. A joint effort among multiple faculty and department in Health and Human Services, this program allows students to earn credit while doing good works.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. To provide service learning experiences to students in the College of Health and Human Services
2. To provide a community-based participatory research environment
3. To collaborate with the Belizean healthcare system at a national, regional, and local level to improve the long-term health and human services of Belize.

### PROGRAM APPLICATION DETAILS

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This program requires an earlier application deadline and interview for students to participate in the program. Students must submit their applications at the **latest by September 14, 2015** to be considered for the program.

Students are **strongly encouraged** to apply well before this date to allow for scheduling of interviews.

Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis.

Students will be accepted on a rolling basis with final selections occurring on or before **September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**.

Email [daniel.carter@wku.edu](mailto:daniel.carter@wku.edu) or [bonny.petty@wku.edu](mailto:bonny.petty@wku.edu) for more details on the selection process.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

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**LOCATION: Belize:** Belize City, Gales Point

**ACADEMIC TERM:** Winter 2016: January 12 - 18, 2016 *ITINERARY Abroad (subject to change) for full itinerary see syllabus*

Jan 08 Orientation/Packing	Jan 17 Travel to Belize City
Jan 12 Depart for Belize	Jan 18 Flying Back to US
Jan 13 Travel to Gales Point	Jan 20 Debriefing at WKU
Jan 15 Gales Point Clinic	
Jan 16 Clinic/School	

Students are required to attend two pre-departure meetings in the Fall 2015:

1. **Sunday - October 11, 2015 at 2 PM**
2. **Sunday – November 15, 2015 at 2 PM**

The schedule is subject to change due to educational opportunities that may arise unexpectedly, the vagaries of weather, and other factors beyond the control of the course instructors and staff.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Permission of instructor(s) is required. Students must complete a face-to-face interview.
- Current WKU student eligible to register for WKU courses may apply. Students from outside WKU may participate as [visiting students](#).
- Students must be 18 years of age or older at time of departure (parent/guardian permission for anyone under 18 at time of departure).
- Students must possess passport valid for at least six (6) months after return date.
- Students must be free of active disciplinary sanctions as verified by Judicial Affairs.
- Students must complete all pre-departure orientations.
- Full payment prior to departure is required.
- Students must complete the [Study Abroad & Global Learning application process](#) prior to being registered in this course. We suggest you start this application process immediately and respond to all emails promptly

#### **BASE PACKAGE**

**Estimated Cost: \$3,465**

##### **Included in Base Package**

- Undergraduate tuition for 3 credit hours (\$1,090 value) or Graduate tuition for 3 credit hours (\$1,401)
- Accommodations in Belize City
- Accommodations in Gales Point
- Daily breakfast in Belize City
- Daily breakfast, lunches, and dinners in Gales Point
- Airport transfers in Belize
- Course-related ground transportation in Belize
- Round-trip flight between Nashville and Belize City
- Baggage Fees for one personal suitcase/bag and one medical bag
- International medical insurance

##### **Excluded from Base Package**

- Transportation between your departure airport and your home.
- Independent travel (non-program travel).
- Meals, services, and beverages not included on-board or during course-related field programs
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone service, and Internet access
- Travel cancellation/interruption insurance. *Highly recommended.*
- Second (or more) personal baggage fees and costs associated with flight changes requested by student
- Passport fees
- Airport taxes (payable only in cash locally)
- Meals, services, and beverages not mentioned in the program
- SAGL Study Abroad Application fee of \$150.00

**Study Abroad courses are not eligible for employee tuition waivers or discounts.**

**Final program fee subject to change due to travel arrangements.**

**Green Sheet subject to change due to adjustment in program or pricing.**

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

<p><b>Your TopNet Account will be billed according to the following Payment Schedule:</b></p> <p>October 1, 2015 - Priority deadline for application with non-refundable \$250 deposit*</p> <p>October 1, 2015 – Program Fee will be charged to student’s TopNet account. Balance must be paid prior to program departure. Students applying after this date will be billed on a rolling basis.</p> <p>* Deposit paid by student directly with a credit card – NOT billed to student account.</p>	<p><b>Penalty for Withdrawal or Non-payment:</b></p> <p>Before October 01: 25% of total program cost          After October 01: 50% of total program cost          After November 01: 75% of total program cost          After December 01: 100% of total program cost (No refund)</p> <p><b>If a balance remains after the payment due date, the participant may be dropped from the program. A student may remain in the program by providing an award notification from WKU’s Student Financial Assistance that verifies ability to pay the program fee immediately after aid is received.</b></p>
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The total amount due in your semester invoice may reflect the combined charges for multiple terms (i.e. Fall and Winter or Spring and Summer) and includes program fees for your Faculty-Led Study Abroad program. Please see your TopNet account for a breakdown of amounts due per term. Refer to your Faculty-Led Study Abroad program’s Green Sheet for final payment due dates and billing information. If you have any questions, please email [facultyled.abroad@wku.edu](mailto:facultyled.abroad@wku.edu).

## LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- **Passport Requirements** - Each participant must have a passport that includes an expiration date, which is 6 months beyond the last date of the voyage. The expiration must be beyond July 20, 2015.
- **Students must complete the Studio Abroad application, conduct an interview with Program Leaders, and be accepted into the program in order to participate.** Email [daniel.carter@wku.edu](mailto:daniel.carter@wku.edu) or [bonny.petty@wku.edu](mailto:bonny.petty@wku.edu)

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