

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua

SHS 526M: Service-Learning in Nicaragua, 2 credits for Nursing - 1 credit for PT
Prerequisite: *Conversational Spanish*
Faculty: Jean Christoffersen, Nursing
Toni Tasker, Physical Therapy
Travel Dates: January 3-16, 2009
Program Costs: \$2427 includes airfare, food, lodging & excursions.

School for Health Studies students will be able to explore Nicaraguan culture and participate in community service in the beautiful Nicaraguan Pacific Coast port of San Juan del Sur. The program costs include airfare, food and lodging with local host families, and all excursions. Conversational Spanish is required.

This course starts in Boston in September and culminates in January with two weeks of intensive study and service learning abroad. Students will gain an understanding of the region's public health infrastructure, assist in medical clinics, and review crucial environmental issues facing the region. Guest speakers and field trips will be integral parts of the course.

Students will also volunteer in one or more of the following **community services activities**:

- Assisting local health clinics, both in town and in rural areas nearby, on such projects as community-based water purification systems, vaccination, cervical cancer screening, healthy baby clinics, and/or helping visiting optometrists and ophthalmologists examine patients and give out recycled eyeglasses.

Students should be prepared for heat and humidity, extensive walking on cobblestone streets, climbing stairs, and hiking on rough, mountainous terrain. Accommodations may not have electricity or running water at all times. Site is 3 hours from a major medical center. The cost of this program includes airfare, food, lodging with host families and a sailboat excursion. Conversational Spanish is required.

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