TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM
The College of Education at GVSU collaborates with the University of Stellenbosch School of Education to offer education students a six week teacher assisting experience in area elementary or secondary schools. GVSU students will first complete their required coursework and the first 10 weeks of their teacher assisting in a West Michigan school. During the South African school vacation, GVSU students participate in travel and touring throughout the Cape Peninsula, one of the most beautiful regions on the planet. 

Program Reviews: Read what past participants have shared about their experiences on this faculty-led program.

South Africa Teaching Flickr
Cultural Information

WHEN CAN I GO?
March 20 - April 30, 2018 (6 weeks)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?
Students will live with host families.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?
Open to students admitted into the GVSU College of Education eligible for teaching placement.

2.5 GPA required.

Non-GVSU students are NOT eligible for this program.

HOW DO I APPLY?
To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE (2018 Program): November 30, 2017
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WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?
EDI 330/331: Methods and Strategies of Teaching (5 credits)
EDF 310: Organizing and Managing Classroom Environments (3 credits)
EDR 320/321: Content Area Literacy (3 credits)
EDT 370: Technology in Education (if needed)
*Special education majors contact faculty director for course sequence
HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?
The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: $5,100.

Includes
- Round-trip airfare from Grand Rapids
- Housing
- Meals
- Field trips
- All transportation while in South Africa

Other Expenses
- GVSU winter tuition
- Personal expenses ($300)
- Passport/photos ($140)
- ISIC card - optional ($28)

Total Estimated Cost: TOTAL PROJECTED COST (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = $5,568

FINANCIAL AID
To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with “Study Abroad” in the Subject line. Include your G Number and Total Projected Cost of the program in the e-mail.
Financial Aid FAQs

GRANTS
FACULTY-LED PROGRAM GRANT (Up to $500): All degree-seeking students who apply to their faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant of up to $500 from the Padnos International Center. Students must have a current FAFSA on file to be eligible. No application required.

James F. and Virginia L. Goode Global Programs Scholarship: The purpose of the scholarship is to reduce the financial pressure on students and their families and make a Grand Valley education accessible to students from all backgrounds. This need-based scholarship will ensure that financial need does not become a barrier to intellectual and personal growth for students planning to study abroad.
MyScholarships: https://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/10186
Visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/scholarships for more information on these and other grants/scholarships.

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?
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