

GHANA

A GVSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAM



Ghana: Nursing (WINTER) Open to: All Nursing Students

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

Community health center nursing experiences will include windshield surveys, individual and family health assessments, culturally appropriate health education, and analysis of the health system in Ghana, including the role of nurses, traditional health practitioners, and, how as a country, they address WHO millennial goals.

Participants will have the opportunity to explore nearby towns and the city of Cape Coast, which was the largest slave-trading center in West Africa. From the art markets at the city center to European forts and castles along endless beaches, students will find themselves surrounded by diverse cultures.

Program Highlights

- Gain insight into community-based health care systems
- Fulfill required community health hours or other leadership clinical hours in an international setting based on course requirements
- Increase cultural competence through participation in local events in Cape Coast and nearby towns (example: Kakum National Park (rainforest canopy walk))

[Ghana Nursing Flickr](#)
[Cultural Information](#)

WHEN CAN I GO?

March 2 - March 17 2018
(2 weeks)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Students will stay in university housing at the University of Cape Coast or a local hotel depending on availability.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Open to all GVSU nursing majors. 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. Apply online by September 30, 2017 at: www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad

Apply Early! Applications are reviewed when they are received.

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

Students will register for **one** course based on their progression in the program:

UNDERGRADUATE:

NUR 417: Professional Nursing IV

NUR 467: Professional Nursing V

Other NUR 400 level or higher courses per permission of faculty

*This program does not fulfill the WP or Issues general education requirement

One credit will be completed in Ghana, and the remainder at GVSU. This program will replace the required 42 community health nursing hours. This program will also fulfill the clinical requirements for RN to BSN 400 level courses

GRADUATE:

NUR 500, NUR 610, NUR 677, NUR 723, NUR 733, NUR 738, AND/OR NUR 740

Graduate students will meet with the Associate Dean to determine course objectives.

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: \$3,000.

Includes

- Round-trip airfare
- Housing
- Most meals
- Visa, taxes, documents
- All excursions and field trips
- All ground transportation

Other Expenses

- GVSU tuition included in winter bill
- Immunization (Yellow Fever) (\$400)
- Personal expenses (\$250)
- Passport/photos (\$140)
- Additional meals (\$60)
- ISIC card - optional (\$28)

Total Estimated Cost: Total Projected Cost (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = \$3,878

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.

Non-GVSU Students: Non-GVSU students admitted for study abroad are not eligible for Financial Aid from GVSU. Check with your home school's study abroad and financial aid offices for details on applying for financial aid from your home school toward study abroad program costs.

[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 additional information on grants and scholarships.

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