

What does the Guatemala Service Learning Trip entail?

Through the organization, *Hearts in Motion*, student physical therapists will work alongside licensed physical therapists to provide care, rehabilitation examinations and treatments for children, families, and communities throughout Guatemala. We travel to clinics in different cities each day (particularly around the Zacapa area), therefore allowing us to reach a larger population compared to staying at one clinic, or even within one city. Through this experience, we hope to increase our knowledge of the Guatemalan culture and improve our communication with those who are from a culture different than our own. We are only able to provide these services due to the education we have received through the doctorate program at GVSU, and are excited to represent GVSU by giving back to those in need and have no means of receiving physical therapy otherwise.

When in the program is this opportunity available?

The trip takes place toward the end of July right after the end of the summer semester.

Who can participate?

This trip is available to any 2nd year GVSU Doctor of Physical Therapy Student who is in good academic standing in the program.

Where does this opportunity take place?

Zacapa, Guatemala and small surrounding cities, including Antigua.

What is the average time commitment for this opportunity?

The trip itself is 10 days in length. Additional time is spent fundraising for the trip, but this will vary depending on how much fundraising each group decides to do.

Who is the best person to contact to obtain more information on this opportunity?

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Does this opportunity cost anything to the student(s)?

Each individual has a payment of \$1,200 to Hearts in Motion. This fee covers the hotel, transportation, meals, safe drinking water, and any fees associated with setting up the clinics while in Guatemala. Plane tickets are purchased individually and are not included in the price paid to Hearts in Motion.

To learn more, click the link below:

<https://www.heartsinmotion.org/>