

ECUADOR

A GVSU FACULTY-LED PROGRAM



Ecuador: Occupational Therapy

Open to: Second year occupational therapy students. 3.0 GPA required.

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

Ibarra, Ecuador — This program allows second year occupational therapy students the opportunity to replace their traditional fieldwork course with a cultural immersion experience in Ecuador.

Students will begin their journey in the historic city of Quito, Ecuador's capital. Quito was the world's first city to be declared a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site in 1978. The group will be working with CRECER, a local non-profit that provides occupational therapy services to adults and children. Students will have the opportunity to work alongside other professionals in Ecuador in a variety of settings including an adult day program, nursing homes, or the CRECER outpatient center.

During free time, students will have the opportunity to explore the colonial city of Ibarra, located in the foothills of the Andes Mountains. The group will participate in field trips to the Equator, lakes, inactive volcanoes, waterfalls, local markets and more.

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[Cultural Information](#)

WHEN CAN I GO?

September 13 - 22, 2018

(1 1/2 weeks)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?

Students will live in hostels.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

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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): **March 1, 2018**

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?

Students will register for 1 credit:

OT 653: Level 1 fieldwork (1 credit)

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?

The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: \$2,500.

Includes

- Round-trip airfare
- Housing
- Most meals (breakfast and lunch)
- All excursions and field trips
- All ground transportation

Other Expenses

- GVSU tuition - (\$686) *
- Personal expenses - (\$300)
- Additional meals - (\$200)
- Passport/photos - (\$140)
- ISIC card - optional (\$28)

Total Estimated Cost: TOTAL PROJECTED COST: (Program Fee + Other Expenses): \$3,854

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

Students may fund study abroad by using financial aid, scholarships, grants and personal funds. A study abroad adviser can help you create a funding plan.

Faculty-led Program Grant (Up to \$1,500): Students who apply to a faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant from the Padnos International Center. Students must have a FAFSA on file.

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>

View more information on [Scholarship/Grants](#)

WHO CAN TELL ME MORE?

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