Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer • May 30 - June 20, 2015

Course Name: **South African Child Life Practicum**  
Course Number: **CFD 499**  
Credit Hours: **3** undergraduate  

**Course Overview & Objectives:** Working at the Red Cross Children’s War Memorial Hospital with LionHearted Kids, at Maitland Cottage Home, and at Sarah Fox Convalescent Hospital provides a unique opportunity to witness the powerful effects of play on the hospitalized child.  
- Understand and implement the foundational aspects of play for the hospitalized child, including skills such as:  
  - Implementing play with minimal/no resources  
  - Utilizing play to breakdown language barriers  
  - Cultural understandings of play  
- Train and educate volunteers in the hospital setting on the developmental needs of pediatric patients and families, and how play can meet those needs  
- Prepare students to work with children and families in a variety of healthcare settings  
- Understand the impact of illness, injury, trauma, and the healthcare environments on children and families  
- Examine psychosocial and developmental issues and how they are impacted by hospitalization

**Program Fee:** $3,800  
**Program Fee Includes:** Round-trip airfare, lodging, ground transportation, program fees, some meals, program activities, book, visits and tours per itinerary, overnight safari, cell phone rental, Study Away student fee, and basic medical insurance; separated costs not available.  
**Program Fee Excludes:** Passport, ground transportation in Springfield, some meals, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. $612 MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the MO resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.  

**Online applications are due by December 12, 2014.**  
A nonrefundable deposit of $570 will be billed to your student account. To apply, please:  
- Visit the Study Away website at international.missouristate.edu/studyaway/  
- Choose Apply Now  
- Search for a Program (under Apply for a Study Away Program)  
- Choose Simple Search  
- Type South Africa under Program Name  
- Choose South African Child Life Practicum  
- Choose Apply Now  

**Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid**  
Students may apply for the College of Education Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by April 10, 2015. Please see the scholarship page on the Study Away website. Additionally, students who receive financial aid may apply aid to this program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

**Interested in going?**  
Contact the Program Director:  
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Course Schedule & Itinerary
Creative arts programs are relatively new in this environment and students have an opportunity to witness first-hand the effect these therapies have on children’s ability to cope with and adapt to the hospital environment.
As the only dedicated pediatric hospital in South Africa, Red Cross War Memorial Hospital offers students a particular challenge of learning to provide services with minimal resources available. Students will learn to rely on their own unique skills and abilities, rather than default to the bells and whistles of play materials available in their current environments.
Maitland Cottage Home is a pediatric orthopedic hospital treating patients all over South Africa. Most of the children are bedbound and receive minimal visitation from family members.
Sarah Fox Convalescent Hospital provides medical care for children and infants recovering from medical and surgical conditions who are unable to return home.
Traveling to South Africa, also allows students to experience life in a unique third world country. Learning will take place outside of the prescribed course assignments as students experience the history and beauty of South Africa, including Robben Island and Apartheid, hiking Lion’s Head and Table Mountain, visits to the townships, the Cape of Good Hope, and the hustle and bustle of city life.
STUDY TOUR
**May 30, 2015:** Arrive in Cape Town.
**May 31, 2015:** Group orientation and welcome dinner.
**June 1, 2015:** LionHearted Kids (LHK) Orientation.
**June 2, 2015:** Volunteer with LHK.
**June 3, 2015:** Synergist Play Therapy (SPT) Training.
**June 4, 2015:** Volunteer with LHK.
**June 5, 2015:** Volunteer with LHK.
**June 6, 2015:** Trip to Cape Point.
**June 7, 2015:** Township Tour.
**June 8, 2015:** Volunteer with LHK.
**June 9, 2015:** Volunteer with LHK.
**June 10, 2015:** SPT Training.
**June 11, 2015:** Volunteer with LHK.
**June 12, 2015:** Volunteer with LHK.
**June 13, 2015:** Garden Route Game Safari.
**June 14, 2015:** Garden Route Game Safari.
**June 15, 2015:** Volunteer with LHK.
**June 16, 2015:** Volunteer with LHK.
**June 17, 2015:** SPT Training.
**June 18, 2015:** Volunteer with LHK. Final reflections and group discussion.
**June 19, 2015:** Farewells.
**June 20, 2015:** Depart for Springfield.

Course Credit & Requirements
Students will receive a grade upon completion. Grades will be based on:

- **Cultural Report:** Students will be assigned various aspects of South African culture to report to class. Due March 19.
- **Psychosocial Support Activities:** Students will present a series of activities to be used when working with children. Due April 16.
- **Weekly Reflective Journals:** Students will complete weekly journals reflecting on practicum experiences. Due June 5, June 12, and June 19.

Application & Payment Procedures
Missouri State University students and others who are approved by the Program Director may apply.

**MSU Students:** A non-refundable deposit of $570 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Dec. 12, 2014). You will receive a second billing on Jan. 30, 2015 and a final bill on March 27, 2015, for the balance of the program fee ($3,230). MSU course tuition ($612) will be billed to your University account separately and is due according to the university payment plan.

**Visiting Students:** A non-refundable deposit of $570 must be paid through the Study Away Storefront on or before Dec. 12, 2014. The balance of the program fee ($3,230) must be paid through the Study Away Storefront by April 3, 2015. MSU course tuition ($612) is also due by April 3, 2015 and must be paid at the bursar’s office or on-line through my.missouristate.edu.

In order to ensure participation in this Study Away program, each student must pay the entire program fee by May 8, 2015. Alternatively, a student may show proof of the financial aid that will pay for the fee. If a student does not pay the program fee, or does not show proof of financial aid that is sufficient to cover the fee, the student will be withdrawn from the Study Away program, dropped from the course, and his/her airline reservation will be canceled. Visiting students must also fully pay the tuition amount by April 3, 2015 in order to stay enrolled in the program. Estimated program fees are based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% if rates increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies
- Students who withdraw prior to April 17, 2015 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $570 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student must withdraw after April 17, 2015 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the $570 deposit and non-refundable expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 17, 2015 will receive no refund.
- When the program begins, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and the Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee withdrawal.