

# South Africa

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## Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Summer 2014 • May 17 - June 6, 2014

### Course Name: **South African Child Life Practicum**

Course Number: **CFD 499**

Credit Hours: **3** undergraduate/graduate

### 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 skill 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: **\$4,895**

**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.

### Applications are due by **January 22, 2014.**

A **nonrefundable deposit of \$735 will be billed to your student account.** Please see Application & Payment Procedures for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

### 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 11, 2014. 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.

Informational Meeting:

TBA

Application Due:

**January 22, 2014**

Depart Springfield:

**May 17, 2014**

Return Springfield:

**June 6, 2014**

Post-Travel Meeting:

TBA

### 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 17, 2014:** Depart Springfield for South Africa.

**May 18, 2014:** Arrive in Cape Town.

**May 19, 2014:** Group orientation and welcome dinner.

**May 20, 2014:** RCCH Hospital Orientation.

**May 21, 2014:** Volunteer at RCCH, visit Robben Island.

**May 22, 2014:** Volunteer at RCCH, debriefing/ week 1 journals due.

**May 23, 2014:** Orientation at Sarah Fox/Maitland Cottage, visit Table Mountain.

**May 24, 2014:** Trip to Cape Point.

**May 25, 2014:** Township Tour.

**May 26, 2014:** Volunteer at RCCH, explore Cape Town.

**May 27, 2014:** Sarah Fox/Maitland Cottage, visit Lions Head.

**May 28, 2014:** Volunteer at RCCH. Attend a workshop on communicating the value of your Cape Town experience.

**May 29, 2014:** Sarah Fox/Maitland Cottage. Work on volunteer training project, debriefing/ week 2 journals due.

**May 30, 2014:** Volunteer at RCCH.

**May 31, 2014:** Garden Route Game Safari.

**June 1, 2014:** Garden Route Game Safari.

**June 2, 2014:** Sarah Fox/Maitland Cottage, work on volunteer training project.

**June 3, 2014:** Volunteer training for RCCH volunteers.

**June 4, 2014:** Sarah Fox/Maitland Cottage.

**June 5, 2014:** Farewell at RCCH. Debriefing/ final journals due.

**June 6, 2014:** Depart for Springfield.

### POST-TRAVEL

TBA graduate student presentations.

## Course Credit & Requirements

Students will be graded on a pass/fail basis.

Evaluation will be based on:

- Weekly reflective journals
- Final reflective journals
- Participation in Connect 123 Workshop
- Volunteer training group project
- Contribution to group video blog

## Application & Payment Procedures

Missouri State University students and others who are approved by a Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application.

**MSU Students:** A non-refundable deposit of **\$735** will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline Jan. 22, 2014). You will receive a second billing on Feb. 28, 2014 and a final billing on March 28, 2014, for the balance of the program fee (\$4,160). MSU course tuition (\$612) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

**Visiting Students:** A non-refundable deposit of **\$735** (check or money order) must accompany your application (deadline Jan. 22, 2014). A check or money order for the **balance of the program fee (\$4,160) will be due by April 18, 2014**. MSU course tuition (\$612) will be billed to your University account and is due according to the university payment plan.

**IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 2, 2014. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR'S OFFICE.** 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 4, 2014 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$735 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after April 4, 2014 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$735 deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after April 4, 2014, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.

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