



Cultural Enrichment Program

2023 Kingdom of Eswatini

Eligibility and Application Information

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY

Tentative Travel Dates: May 1-12, 2023 (Dates are subject to change based on airfare)

What is the Global Enrichment 2023 Kingdom of Eswatini Program?

On this trip to Eswatini, Africa, students will experience a very different culture and land, and get a deeper understanding of the issues and problems related to living in a developing country. Here we will visit Hosea's Heart, which is a home and school for young girls who have been rescued from the human trafficking industry in Eswatini and nearby countries. Students will participate in teaching the girls about physical health as well as opportunities for them in health care careers. They will also spend some time interacting with the girls and learning about their lives. Students will stay at a Mlilwane Wildlife sanctuary, and experience the wildlife and nature of Africa. Students will learn about the HIV and health epidemics, when visiting an HIV clinic run by Avert, Inc. in Manzini, as well as a TB/HIV clinic run by Baylor Medical School. Students will engage with other college students, when visiting the Eswatini Christian Medical University. They will tour and take a class in the nursing department. Students will also engage in various cultural and other experiences, including a safari at Hlane Royal National Park, a visit to a local market, a visit to a Umphakatsi Cultural Center, hiking on a nearby mountain trail and ziplining through the African hills.

This global enrichment trip will be open to all Gateway Technical College students and faculty, but will target those in health sciences and human services, particularly nursing and students. This will be an emotional and psychologically challenging trip at times, due to the conditions, exposures to difficult situations, and the environment.

To be eligible you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be in compliance with department and college policies and free of disciplinary action
- Have or be able to obtain a valid U.S. Passport by January/February 2023

Successful candidates will have the social maturity to represent the U.S. and Gateway abroad, work well in a team environment, and be able to handle uncertainty.

Additional eligibility requirements for STUDENTS:

- Be declared in a Gateway Associate Degree or Diploma
- Have completed 6 credits
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) in declared program
- Be able to provide two (2) letters of recommendation from Gateway faculty
- Be available for an interview in November 2022

Additional eligibility requirements for STAFF:

- Have been hired prior to December 31, 2021
- Notify your Dean/Supervisor of dates
- Subject to availability

If selected to participate you will be required to:

- Register for and successfully complete course Cultural Elements of Study Abroad (1 credit)
- Meet all deadlines including payment deadlines
- Participate in **MANDATORY** pre and post departure activities including **MANDATORY Orientations**
- Submit a signed Publicity Release form
- Submit a completed Medical/Emergency Information form
- We reserve the right to request additional health information from you and/or a statement from your health care provider verifying your health prior to departure
- Submit a copy of the front page of your passport
- Keep your student account current
- Meet program requirements and comply with any applicable rule, code of conduct, regulation, instruction or law during the program. Noncompliance may result in expulsion from the program, forfeiture of fees, and **being immediately sent home at your expense**

How much will it cost? (all fees are estimated and subject to change) Includes: Airfare, some meals, transportation, standard hotel double occupancy rooms, and insurance.	\$2,410.00
Tuition (Study Abroad Culture Course)	\$156.00
Total:	\$2,566.00

Other costs to consider: passport, spending money, and vaccinations

Financial assistance for Program Fees**Students**

- New, first time Global Scholars will receive \$750.00 in funds from Gateway
- Previous Global Scholars will receive \$500.00 in funds from Gateway
- If you are eligible for financial aid, you may use it to pay tuition for the required coursework

Faculty and Staff- are eligible to apply for \$500 professional development funding (See Employee Handbook)

Fee payment schedule

- \$80.00 paid at orientation
- Refundable if not approved for the program but otherwise non-refundable
- Course tuition and program fees paid to Gateway and subject to the same payment and refund policies as other Gateway courses. See your student handbook or Student Services Center for further information
- Student account must be current prior to departure

Participants who drop from the program will be held responsible for any unrecoverable fees incurred by Gateway Technical College.

TO APPLY:

- Complete online application by October 28, 2022
- Request 2 online recommendations from Gateway Staff (you will need their email address, and let them know you are asking for a recommendation)

Whom do I contact if I have questions? Chinedu Obowu at 262-564-2505 Obowuc@gtc.edu