

KIN 371 Selected Topics
Living with a Disability in the Developing World
Winter 2013-2014 (2 credits)

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Course Dates & Locations:

December 30, 2013 – Jan 13, 2014

Week 1: Belmopan, Cayo, Belize

Topic - Living conditions and resources available in the city

Summary – We will spend this week visiting rehabilitation and healthcare facilities, schools, etc. and will hear from various guest speakers

Week 2: Punta Gorda, Toledo, Belize

Topic - Living conditions for the disabled in rural Belize

Summary – We will participate in community projects in the villages served by LOL Ministry

Note: The class will meet at and return to Gordon College, with flights leaving from Boston Logan.

Cost: Approximately \$3000. Includes tuition, airfare, housing, all meals, course materials, ground transportation. Does not include cost of passport or immunizations. The college reserves the right to increase the fees due to unanticipated cost increases.

Summary: This is a selected topics course offered by Gordon's Kinesiology Department. During this field experience, students will learn about the living conditions and rehabilitation options for people living with physical disabilities in urban and rural Belize. The experience will include visits to healthcare facilities and interviews with both patients and caregivers. Pre-requisite: *KIN 371A Role of Medical Missions in the Developing World*

Learning outcomes: This course aims to give students firsthand exposure to the lives of the physically disabled in Belize, focusing on resources available to them and the impact of family and culture on their lives. Outcomes will be assessed through reading responses, student participation in discussion sessions, and contributions to the community projects.

Course Materials:

- Hubach, S. (2006). *Same Lake, Different Boat: Coming alongside people touched by disability*. P&R Publishing.
- Mwakikagile, Godfrey (2010). *Belize and Its Identity: A Multicultural Perspective*. New Africa Press.

Core Credit: Students wishing to fulfill Global Understanding core through participation in the Kinesiology Seminar must:

- Participate in the New Perspectives 1 and 2
- Indicate on the online seat application that you want core credit for this seminar
- Contact GEO for further details