



# APPLICATION PACKET

## PLU Well Installation Course in Nicaragua

**TAP IN: HOW NONPROFITS AND SOCIAL BUSINESSES IMPACT THE WORLD**

Course: Spring Semester – February through May, 2017 (Most Fridays, 3-5pm)

In Country Field Experience: June 3 - 10, 2017

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PLU Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Standing (year in school): \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you anticipate taking this course for one of the 4-credit options (internship, special topics or independent Study)?  Yes  Likely  No

Do you have a valid passport?  Yes (Expiration date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_)  No  In Process

Have you read the FAQ's (www.plu.edu/busu/nicaragua)?  Yes  No

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please complete this document in MS Word and submit either a .docx file or a .pdf file of the completed application to: Becki Torgerson ([torgerm@plu.edu](mailto:torgerm@plu.edu)). Applications are due by 12/15/2016 at 6 pm, though consistent with the Wang Center policies, the course will be closed when 20 applications are received. For that reason, you are encouraged to *submit your application as quickly as possible*.



## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Please complete the application and type your answers after each question. Answers to most questions should include **at least an insightful paragraph**.

- 1) Please thoughtfully describe the reason you are interested in this study away program. What made you pursue this to this point of an application?
- 2) While your academic and/or career interests may not be fully known yet, there may be things that you wish to explore through this experience. Please describe any links you see between this study away program and (1) what you may wish to study in the future and then, (2) what you may wish to consider for your future career.
- 3) Do you have any experience in global travel or global service projects? Local service projects? Please take a moment to describe.
- 4) We will be serving in one of the poorest countries in Central America, and will likely be serving in a village area without water, electricity, or traditional restrooms. Our team will be interacting with members of a community as we build relationships and provide education and encouragement. Please briefly answer the following...
  - How will you build relationships in this global setting?
  - How will you show love in this global setting?
  - Do you have any concerns about this global setting?
- 5) First, read the FAQ's ([www.plu.edu/busa/nicaragua](http://www.plu.edu/busa/nicaragua)) regarding our non-profit partner. Next, note that we will be partnering with a faith inspired nonprofit to drill the well and to provide hygiene training. Similar to what happens at PLU and community events, there may be prayers involved to ask for blessings for the work, the village community, and the well. Further, nonprofit staff, other participants and perhaps even residents of the village area may integrate conversation around their faith and their experiences while in Nicaragua. No religious faith is necessary to participate in this study away program, though participants should be aware of this and should be comfortable working in this environment. Please explain how you would envision working alongside a faith inspired nonprofit.
- 6) Do you perhaps have any **special skills** related to this study away opportunity (e.g., fluent in Spanish, experience with hygiene education, incredible soccer skills for Team PLU, etc.)?
- 7) The cost for the trip is \$2,680, plus a background check fee of \$35. Significant fundraising opportunities exist, which could substantially reduce the total trip cost. How would you envision working hard a fundraising, where would you turn for partnership, and how would you cover any remaining costs?
- 8) Write a brief autobiographical sketch as if you were writing a letter introducing yourself to the nonprofit team with whom we will work in Nicaragua. How would you describe yourself? What role, personality, and strengths do you bring to a group? What challenges do groups present to you?
- 9) In an exciting opportunity, there are 3 options for a 4-credit experience (An Internship, A Special Topics Course, or the potential of an Independent Study) that can exist through this project, allowing for PLU academic credit to supplement the experience in nonprofit marketing/fundraising alongside with the field experience in Nicaragua. This could count for the university internship credits for the Nonprofit Minor or help you achieve credits on your way to the required 128 credits for graduation. Three questions result:
  - a. Do you have the capacity for a 4-credit course option in Spring of 2017?
  - b. If so, would you like to explore the potential for one of these 3 options?
  - c. If so, please share how this unique learning opportunity might be a resource for your future.

## REFERENCES

You are required to have one faculty member complete a Wang Center Recommendation on your behalf. You are encouraged to ask two faculty members to complete a recommendation, which can now be sent directly to the faculty member via email. We request two in case one faculty member is delayed in completing the form. This is to help you, as any final decisions for participation must include a recommendation.

Which faculty members will you ask to submit a recommendation for you (helps us with tracking)? Please forward the recommendation directly to the faculty members via an email attachment.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Please download the Recommendation Form and send directly to your faculty member.**