

Transformations Within the New South Africa June 17 – July 3, 2009



This course will examine social issues, development strategies, and health/mental health programs in the new South Africa. We will explore how the country's fledgling democracy and its people are redesigning organizations and interventions to respond to the needs of all South Africans. Our stays in Johannesburg and Cape Town will include visits to townships, local and national governmental and non-governmental agencies, health and medical facilities, cultural and tourist landmarks, and universities.

Lectures and discussions on sustainable development, the HIV/AIDS pandemic, political transitions, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and racial and cultural issues in South Africa will accompany this experience, allowing opportunity for analysis, reflection and collective learning. We will engage with people working in townships such as Soweto, Mamelodi and Guguletu, visit a medical facility treating persons with HIV/AIDS

and an orphanage for HIV/AIDS children, a women's advocacy center, a project of the Center for Integrated Rural Development and cultural centers and museums. We will also visit Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, and meet with South African students and with UNC SSW graduates teaching and practicing social work in South Africa.

This course is open to all graduate and upper division undergraduate students, as well as practitioners, administrators, and educators in social work, public health, education, public policy, religion, medicine and related fields who want to learn more about South African social issues and culture. Friends and family members of participants are also welcome; however, priority will be given to students and social work educators and practitioners. There are no prerequisites for this course.

Program Leaders:

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Program Costs

The cost of this trip is estimated at \$1750 plus airfare*. Program costs are based on a minimum of 22 participants. Additional participants (to a maximum of 25) will reduce program costs; participants will be refunded the difference after return. Program costs are calculated on the current value of the Rand. Final program costs may vary slightly based on the value of the Rand.

The program cost includes:

- Program instructional costs, including UNC academic fee
- Double occupancy lodging and most meals
- Group excursions and cultural events
- Local transportation including train fare from Johannesburg to Cape Town
- Agency visits and guest lecturers
- Medical insurance
- **Extra excursions and personal expenses, passport costs, and optional gratuities are NOT included in program costs.**

***Airline Costs:** Group rates, round-trip airfare from Raleigh, NC to Johannesburg, South Africa are \$2,025.00. Delta Airline will assist participants in scheduling reduced airfare rates to Raleigh or to Atlanta, the departure city for Johannesburg, for those traveling from cities other than Raleigh.

Course Credit:

Students taking the course for credit will earn three credit hours. Participants not seeking course credit can also receive 40 contact hours of Continuing Education units.

Application and Payment Schedule:

- **February 6, 2009** – Applications due
- **February 13, 2009** – Participants notified of acceptance
- **February 27, 2009** - An initial deposit of \$600, which includes a non-refundable \$50.00 application fee, is due for program cost (make checks payable to UNC-CH – School of Social Work; include South African Summer Study Tour in the memo. Credit cards are also welcomed.
- **March 16, 2009** - Airline cost of \$2,025.00 is due.
- **April 16, 2009** – Program balance of \$1,200.00 is due.

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