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International Fieldwork in Nicaragua

The Jessie F. Richardson Foundation (JFRF) offers a unique interprofessional 6-week community-based fieldwork (FW) opportunity for OT and OTA students to work with older adults living in poverty who have no family support and can no longer care for themselves. Licensed USA occupational therapists supervise students.

JFRF is a charitable non-profit organization, located in Oregon, which advocates for improved quality of life and well-being for older adults and special needs populations both locally and abroad. JFRF (www.jfrfoundation.org) has worked in Nicaragua since 2003 to build a viable community infrastructure to provide sustainable care for members of the older adult population and their communities.

DATES: June 12 – July 21, 2017; Dates negotiable to fit your schedule by arrangement. This 6-week program includes 1 week of language school.
Applications due: September 30, 2016

LOCATION: Students are assigned to one of Nicaragua's *Hogares* (older adult community residential homes) that partner with JFRF to serve as model training sites for health education relevant to geriatric care. Each home typically cares for 9-65 residents who experience normal age-related changes and various conditions that may include: dementia, depression, psychosis, cardiac disease, neurological conditions, diabetes, arthritis, sensory impairment, and others.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS: 21+ years of age; intermediate level of Spanish language proficiency; student application and interview prior to acceptance.

STUDENT FEE: \$2650 for 6-week Level II FW. Prorated for Level I FW options. Lodging and breakfast included. Travel expenses and 1-week language school not included.

[Space is limited so you are encouraged to apply early.](#)

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