

# Stanly Community College

Cultural Immersion to



17-day study visit

May 20 – June 5, 2010

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED with a \$50.00 deposit (refundable)

**February 15, 2010**

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## THE 2010 Mexico VISIT

Applications are now being accepted from students for the 2010 immersion class to Mexico scheduled for May 20-June 5, 2010. All applications must be submitted by February 15, 2010. Please read the following application materials carefully.

### VISIT GOAL

The visit goal is to expand our global awareness, learn about our southern neighbors by looking beyond North Carolina's borders. Participants will explore issues of class, and poverty, while learning about Mexico's culture and education system. We will visit cultural and historic sites and meet with students at the UTEQ. This trip will provide a unique and challenging cultural experience—not just a tourist trip! To prepare for the visit, participants are required to attend several sessions on campus

and online. Following the visit participants will return for a follow-up dinner/lunch (June, 2010) to share your experiences gleaned from the trip, present on a selected topic, show your photos, etc.

#### VISIT HIGHLIGHTS

The 17-day visit will take us to the Mexico City, the financial, cultural and political heart of Mexico and once the center of the entire Aztec empire, and the city of Querétaro, home of the *Universidad Tecnológica de Querétaro (UTEQ)*, our sister college. Along this journey we will interact with people of different backgrounds, learning different facets of Mexican culture. Highlights of the itinerary include visits to the Teotihuacán pyramids, The National Anthropology Museum, we will tour Mexico City Historic district, San Angel and Coyoacán, two of Mexico's most enchanting colonial-era neighborhoods. While in Querétaro, our group will be hosted by the UTEQ. We will attend classes for three hours, Monday-Thursday at this institution. Querétaro's historic district is listed as Cultural Patrimony of Humanity by UNESCO. The historic downtown, for example, offers the visitor over 460 years of history and tradition with its marvelous, cathedrals, mansions, palaces, and aqueduct. On weekends we will visit other close by attractions, such as *La Peña de Bernal*, the third largest monolith in the world, Tequisquiapan, charming town famous for their thermal baths and minerals, and San Miguel de Allende, a colonial jewel in the neighboring state of Guanajuato (*Itinerary subject to change. A final itinerary will be mailed to participants at a later date.*)

#### COST

The cost of the 17-day Mexico trip is estimated at \$1,416.30. This includes round trip airfare from Charlotte Douglas International Airport, land and air transport within Mexico per itinerary, hotel accommodations in Mexico City in tourist class hotels (double occupancy), homestays in Queretaro, entrance fees to cultural and historical sites, supplemental health insurance. Not included are some meals, passport and visa fees, trip cancellation insurance, gratuities, personal beverages, free time activities, and any personal and incidental expenses.

Tentative Budget:

Round trip airfare [CLT-DFW-MEX] \$469.00 (fees and taxes AA) –subject to change until ticket is purchased

SCC Tuition (3 credits) \$210.30

Lodging in Mexico City (double occupancy \*\*) \$90.00

Homestay-in Queretaro (breakfast included) \$180.00

Meals at local restaurants approximately \$15.00/day- \$250.00

Weekend trips (meals, lodging, transportation)-\$200.00 (approx.)

Travel Medical insurance \$17.00

**TOTAL: \$1,416.30\***

This is only an estimate (on the high side), the cost of meals and weekend trips is variable. The Multicultural Club (MAC) may cover some of these expenses.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- 1) Each participant of the Mexico Visit must be a SCC student registered for SPA 161 during the summer. SPA 111 is a prerequisite, but the student may take credit by exam or have this prerequisite waived if he/she has taken 2-3 Spanish courses in H.S. (Contact Patricia Horner).
- 2) Each participant must be in good physical health and be able to walk several miles and carry his/her own luggage.
- 3) Each participant must be a U.S. citizen, or have a green card, with passport valid at least 6 months after the return date of the visit. *If you do not currently have a valid passport, you must apply for one as soon as possible: <http://travel.state.gov/passport/>*
- 4) Each participant is required to read all materials provided preparation and attend informational sessions. Also they are required to attend the scheduled group activities while traveling.
- 5) Each participant must assume responsibility for acquiring a passport.
- 6) Each participant must submit a photocopy of the first page of his/her passport .
- 7) All selected participants must adhere to the payment/registration schedule below:

February 15, 2010 All applications and participant's \$50.00 deposit due

March 15, 2010 Purchase airline tickets.

## A SPECIAL NOTE ON PASSPORTS

Passport applications can take months to process. If you need to apply for, or renew, your passport before traveling to Mexico, do so *immediately!* You will need a valid passport Passport information: <http://travel.state.gov/passport/>

Websites of Interest

### *Explore!*

Sister College: [UTEQ - Universidad Tecnológica de Querétaro](#)

Mexico:

[travel.nationalgeographic.com/places/countries/country\\_mexico\\_cntry.html](http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/places/countries/country_mexico_cntry.html)

[Map of Mexico Directory - 4,000+ pages of mexico maps with 2,500+ still, ipix and panoramic mexico pictures including mexico weather!](#)

[Querétaro, de lo bueno todo](#)

# VISIT TO Mexico May 20 – June 5, 2010

Please complete and return:

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) Name

(as it appears on passport)

Name (you preferred to be called)

E-mail Address

Cell Phone and Home Phone

Home Address

Passport Number

(attach copy of first page of passport)

Expiration Date

Date of Birth

Gender

Male  Female

Emergency Contact #1

Name:

Phone (home and/or cell):

Phone (work):

Email:

Relationship to you:

Emergency Contact #2

Name:

Phone (home and/or cell):

Phone (work):

Email:

Relationship to you: