

Applying

The online application for this 2027 faculty-led Study Abroad program is available at www.kings.edu/studyabroad.

Students will complete:

- Pre-Application or academic approval form
- Application for King's College Faculty-Led Study Abroad
- Application for King's College Study Abroad Scholarships (optional)

The application deadline for faculty-led programs is **November 15, 2026**. Scholarship applications are due **November 30, 2026**.



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In the Holy Cross Tradition:

Occupational Therapy
Level I-B Fieldwork in Peru



Service Immersion Fieldwork Program
for Occupational Therapy Students
OT 550 – Level I-B Fieldwork
December 11 – 22, 2027

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Join Dr. Marie Patterson and Dr. Elizabeth Dixon—professors of Occupational Therapy—for a transformative, faculty-led study abroad program designed specifically for OT students. This short-term international experience includes immersive fieldwork with a strong focus on psychosocial practice and collaboration across disciplines. Students will collaborate with faculty and peers while observing, planning, and supporting occupational therapy interventions in real-world settings. Along the way, they'll broaden their clinical competencies and gain invaluable insight into global healthcare systems. Set against the backdrop of one of Peru's most stunning and culturally rich regions, this program offers an unparalleled opportunity for both personal and professional development.



The Program

You will spend 40 hours in hands-on fieldwork at Yancana Huasy, a Holy Cross community center in Canto Grande near Lima, Peru, serving children with intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, autism, Down syndrome, epilepsy, and sensory impairments. Founded in 1975, Yancana Huasy offers early intervention, therapy, special education, and medical care in a low-resourced setting. This enriching fieldwork is complemented by a guided cultural excursion to Machu Picchu, offering students the opportunity to explore one of the world's most renowned heritage sites.

Through clinical engagement and cultural immersion, students will deepen their understanding of global healthcare systems, psychosocial practice, and occupational therapy's role in underserved communities.

The program fulfills requirements for OT 550: Level I-B Fieldwork (2 credits), combining meaningful clinical learning with cultural exploration. Students pay a fee that covers all travel, accommodation, most meals, site visits, and insurance.

