

The NAPA-OT Field School in Antigua, Guatemala



A Project of the **National Association for the Practice of Anthropology**
Occupational Therapy & Occupational Science Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group

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WHO SHOULD APPLY

Graduate students & practitioners in:

- **Anthropology**
- **Occupational therapy**
- **Related fields**

Looking for:

- **Research experience**
- **Clinical and community practice**
- **Ethnographic methods**
- **Critical approaches**
- **Interdisciplinary collaboration**
- **International setting**
- **Focus on social transformation**



NAPA is a section of the American Anthropological Association, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization

Spend 6 weeks with anthropologists and occupational therapy clinician-scholars in

- child development
- community-based gerontology
- disability studies

THE NAPA-OT FIELD SCHOOL PROGRAM aims to nurture leaders to promote social justice. Students work intensively in clinical and community settings gaining skill in research, observation, communication, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Students study Spanish one-on-one with individual instructors at their own level and pace. Living in a home stay increases language fluency and understanding of Guatemalan culture. **Occupational therapy students may fulfill a portion of their Level II professional degree requirements with approval from their graduate program.** Anthropology students develop research on family, cultural, medical and institutional issues and may receive credit if approved by their university. Weekly integrative seminars emphasize critical theories, approaches to social justice, and experiential learning.

THE NAPA-OT FIELD SCHOOL'S NGO PARTNER — COMMON HOPE promotes hope and opportunity in Guatemala, partnering with children, families, and communities who want to participate in a process of development to improve their lives through education, health care, and housing. Since 1985, Common Hope has grown to be a powerful force partnering with over 8,000 children and adults living in rural and urban poverty in Guatemala. It is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation incorporated in Minnesota and in Guatemala. www.commonhope.org

NAPA-OT FIELD SCHOOL TUITION (\$2,500) includes six weeks of field school instruction, transportation to and from Guatemala City airport, in-country cell phone, and organized field trips. Students pay individually for airfare, health and travel insurance, daily local transportation costs, university tuition (if enrolled for credit), home stay (modestly priced room and board), and Spanish instruction at Tecun Uman, one of Antigua's most highly reputed language schools. **Required:** Application form; letter of recommendation, internet interview, membership in AAA/NAPA upon admission, intermediate-level Spanish by time of arrival in country; language school attendance in country. **For more information and application materials, contact:** Josie Gilbert JGilbert@salud.unm.edu

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The NAPA-OT Field School promotes critical scholarship and rigorous methodologies to support **occupational justice** with international NGO partners. . . sharing concepts, theories, practice and resources to help bridge structural inequalities and support communities, families and individuals to participate in their society's valued activities

