



MEDICAL SPANISH PROGRAM

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS

PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Our Medical Spanish program in La Ceiba, Honduras combines the regular Spanish immersion program with medically specific Spanish and cultural training. This is a great way to learn both general and specialized Spanish. Nurses, doctors, medical students and other health care providers all benefit from this immersion experience. Set in either a hospital or a health clinic, students at an intermediate or higher level of Spanish can observe professionals interacting with patients in Spanish and are exposed to the similarities and differences between these patient-physician relationships and those in their home country.



CITY AND COUNTRY INFO

Located on the Caribbean coast, La Ceiba is the third largest city in Honduras with a population of 80,000. The capital of the region of Atlantida, one of the 18 regions of Honduras, it is easy to get around on foot. A relatively young city with an international atmosphere, La Ceiba got its name from a huge ceiba tree that was next to the beach and provided shade to the workers at the dock and locals during the afternoon.

La Ceiba is a lot more than a port city with hospitality and charm. It has the potential to develop into the Ecotourism Capital of Central America. The Pico Bonito National Park, Cuero y Salado Wildlife Refuge, Cayos Cochinos Marine Reserve are but a few of the many nature attractions available at just a short distance from the city. May through June are great times to catch several town fairs and celebrations, including a week long carnival held in La Ceiba during the third week of May.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Medical Language & Cultural Immersion Program in La Ceiba, Honduras, students will greatly improve foreign language abilities, gain personal growth and confidence, and combine travel, academics, and cultural awareness into one incredible life-changing experience.

What's Included

- **Tuition and Class Materials:** 20 hours general Spanish lessons plus medical Spanish lessons. Program is 4 weeks long.
- **Observation:** During weeks 2-4 students will be placed in local hospital and will have hands on experience.
- **Lodging:** In a local homestay
- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch and dinner in homestay
- **Pre-Departure Information**
- **Planning Guide**
- **Placement Testing**
- **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly***
- * Entrance fees, transport, etc. may be at additional cost.
- **Access to E-mail**
- **Access to Multimedia Learning Center**
- **Certificate of Completion**
- **Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage ****
- ** See policy for definitions and exclusions.
- **Medivac Coverage • Other Travel Coverage:** repatriation, baggage, personal effects, accidental death and dismemberment , etc.
- **24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline:** call collect from anywhere in the world

FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

LANGUAGE AND MEDICAL PROGRAM

The Spanish Course for medical students, professionals, nurses, and medical teams is oriented towards improving students basic vocabulary related to healthcare, so that he or she can communicate respectfully and effectively with Spanish speaking patients and their families.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Week 1:

20 hours a week of general Spanish plus vocabulary of Spanish medicine.

Weeks 2-4:

20 hours of Spanish with vocabulary related to health. The course instruction will be given in Spanish with reference material that contains English translations.

Starting on the second week, students will be placed in public hospitals and clinics where only Spanish will be spoken. Pre-Clinical students will have the opportunity to volunteer and shadow; first year medical students will have hands-on experience.

Students will need to provide a transcript as well as a letter from an academic advisor stating the level of experience in health care settings. This documentation will be instrumental in arranging shadowing activities as well as clinical setting.

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

Lodging with a family is highly recommended. It is by far the best way for the student to completely immerse themselves in the Honduran culture and learn and practice Spanish. All of the homestays are exclusively with Honduran families. While they do not provide laundry service, many families will provide this service for a small fee. Inexpensive laundry services are also nearby the school's location (approximately \$2 US per load).

Homestay families respect the privacy of the student, and are traditionally very friendly. Host families adhere to a philosophy of a home away from home. Students may participate fully in most of the activities of the host family if they choose to do so.

HOTELS

For those students who wish to live independently, the school works closely with a variety of hotels. This option is available upon request and may be at additional cost.

PRICE

Cost of 4 weeks of language classes with cultural activities and lodging is about:

\$1,266*

**Price subject to change

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

Program limited to:

- Pre-Med Students
- Medical Students
- Pre-Clinical Nursing Students
- Nursing Students
- Medical Professionals
- All health-related professionals.
- High beginner Spanish

Tourist Visas are issued upon arrival for 60-90 days.

ACTIVITIES

Activities may include:

- Visit a Working Butterfly Farm
- Visit Indigenous People's Villages
- Whitewater Rafting and Kayaking
- Painting Classes
- Folkloric Dancing Classes
- Cooking Garifuna Meals

Some activities may be at an additional cost.

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the MEDICAL PROGRAM in La Ceiba, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211. <http://www.nrcsa.com/reg/on-line/regform.html> When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.