



MEDICAL PROGRAM

PLAYA DEL CARMEN, MEXICO

PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Our Medical Spanish program in Playa del Carmen, Mexico 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

Playa del Carmen is a relaxed city in the state of Quintana Roo. It is located in the heart of the Mayan Riviera of Mexico, approximately 40 minutes by car from Cancun. The climate is tropical year round, with the warmest time of year between April and August. Playa del Carmen is well-known worldwide because of its relaxed, tropical atmosphere and its unmatched beautiful beaches. With a resident population of 60,000 inhabitants, Playa del Carmen is a great place to enjoy the cultural and historic richness of Mexico and the Mayan people. Sports enthusiasts will find a multitude of activities available for their participation, such as snorkeling, scuba diving, volleyball, horseback riding, golf, tennis, soccer, jogging, and swimming.

Playa del Carmen is located within short driving distance to many sites of current and historical interest. These destinations include the ruins of Tulum and Chichen-Itza, and colonial Merida. The crime rate in Playa del Carmen is low, and the inhabitants are refreshingly curious and friendly, always ready to assist you.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Medical Language & Cultural Immersion Program in Playa del Carmen, 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 general group Spanish lessons plus 10 tutor lessons of medical Spanish.
 - **Observation:** 2 sessions per week, minimum 1½ hours, maximum 4 hours (Intermediate level)
 - **Lodging:** In a local Homestay
 - **Meals:** Breakfast and dinner in homestay
 - **Pre-Departure Information**
 - **Planning Guide**
 - **Placement Testing**
 - **1-2 Organized Activities Weekly***
 - **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
- * Entrance fees, transport, etc. may be at additional cost.

FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

LANGUAGE AND MEDICAL PROGRAMS

Intermediate

Students at this level will achieve a basic competency in Spanish that will allow them to communicate successfully in most health situations at primary assistance level. Students learn to receive, orientate and inform a patient or visitor, take notes of a telephone conversation or an interview with a patient and understand straight forward professional explanations or instructions. Other topics covered may include generating and understanding of health documents, understanding patients medical history and admission details, and learning how to explain a blood analysis. The organization of different health systems may also be covered.

Advanced

At this level students develop an increasingly accurate use of Spanish, develop their oral fluency and improve their pronunciation. Students will learn to communicate with patients directly, or by telephone, discuss and debate subjects of interest such as current healthcare policies, look up, order or transfer information and data, and comprehend and compile hospital documents (diagnostic samples, surgery plans etc.). Subjects may include clinics and hospitals, internal medicine, diagnosis and treatment, surgery, the operating room, pre-operative and post-operative care, etc., as well as the organization of different health systems.

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

Homestays are the most frequently chosen lodging option for students in Playa del Carmen. Host families are carefully selected by the NRCSA and the school, and are matched with the needs expressed by each individual student during the registration process. This type of lodging provides students with the opportunities to further interact with the people of Playa del Carmen, and appreciate the beauty of the area. Host families are located within 20 minutes walking distance of the NRCSA School. Homestay lodging includes a private room with breakfast and the main daily meal included in the price. The option to receive one or three meals per day is available.

STUDENT RESIDENCE

The residence was originally a small, very charming hotel. It has 10 double rooms, all with A/C, cable TV and private bathroom. There is also a cafeteria where a continental breakfast is served every day for the students to enjoy. We have friendly staff that operates the residence. They live on site, are very service oriented, and make sure that everything is running properly. The residence is located 2 blocks from the beach and 10 minute walking distance from the school. Its location is perfect, as students are only a short walk away from everything that Playa del Carmen has to offer.

CONDOMINIUMS AND HOTELS

For those who wish to be accommodated in a private residence, properties such as condominiums or hotels are available. To organize lodging which meets your unique specifications, please advise NRCSA of the following information: Description of what type of lodging you are looking for (Hotel, Apartment, Residence, etc.), acceptable price range, desired number of bedrooms and occupants (if more than one person is staying with you), dates of lodging, desired proximity of lodging to the school and any other specific requests, such as air conditioning, patio, etc. Prices of private accommodations vary, and do not include meals.

PRICE

Cost of 1 week of language classes with cultural activities and lodging from:

\$717 → \$867 **

**Prices range according to housing and board options.

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

Program limited to:

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

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

ACTIVITIES

Activities offered may include;

- Diving in the Caribbean
- Latin Dancing
- Mexican cooking
- Mexican culture
- Sightseeing

Some activities may be at an additional cost. Other activities available in Playa del Carmen at an additional cost include:

- A Visit to Rancho Baaxal
- The Jungle Place
- Xcaret Eco Theme Park
- UltraMar Ferry
- Cavernas Chaaktun

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the MEDICAL PROGRAM in Playa del Carmen either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

<http://www.nrca.com/reg/online/regform.html>

When you register, \$140 USD is due to secure your place in the program.