



MEDICAL PROGRAM

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, MEXICO

PROGRAMS START EVERY MONDAY



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Our Medical Spanish program in San Cristobal de las Casas 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

San Cristobal de Las Casas lies in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas, high in the mountains surrounded by pine forests. With its cobblestone streets and red-tile roofs, San Cristobal is a mix of 16th century Spanish influence and a vivid, colorful indigenous culture. Here you will find not only beautiful colonial churches, cathedrals and other buildings, but also the largest indigenous market in northern America, where the Maya people from surrounding villages come daily, in their colorful traditional clothing, to sell fruits, vegetables and crafts.

In San Cristobal you can choose from a variety of vegetarian, Mexican, Italian and Asian restaurants, and European-style cafes. There are also small eateries all over town featuring traditional local foods. You can visit indigenous villages during the day (each village has particular style of traditional dress) and at night you can listen to live music in different restaurants and bars.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Medical Language & Cultural Immersion Program in San Cristobal de las Casas, 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:** 15 Spanish lessons and 5 hours of private Medical Spanish lessons.
- **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***
- * 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

Students in this program focus on the Spanish language needed to be successful in health care settings. The language training program combines 20 lessons of general Spanish in a small group with 10 lessons of one-on-one tutorial focusing on medical terminology per week. Intermediate and higher level Spanish students may also 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. Students will participate in language exchange activities with medical professionals.

The team of instructors are both professional and experienced. The instructors are all native speakers of Spanish, and each holds a university degree and experience in teaching Spanish as a second language. The teachers share in the belief that classes must be enjoyable to the students.

Our specially trained instructors teach vocabulary, conversation skills and the cultural aspects related to different work fields. Emphasis is placed on the practical aspects of language usage.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Long term volunteer programs in medical settings are available to students. Placements are typically in hospital settings or directly with a physician.

INTERCAMBIO

This program includes an excellent opportunity to apply and practice language skills. Each student will have a language exchange with local medical professionals. The format of an intercambio is much like an informal conversation among friends. The benefits of having an intercambio are being able to practice Spanish as well as Medical Spanish terminology with your counterpart.

LODGING OPTIONS

HOMESTAY

Contact with the local people of San Cristobal de Las Casas is an invaluable part of learning Spanish. Homestay accommodation provides students with firsthand experience of daily life, and enables them to practice Spanish. Each student is provided with a private room, usually sharing the bathroom with the host family. Three meals daily are also provided. All host families are within walking distance from the center of town

The local NRCSA center places one student per family so there is maximum exposure to the language. However, if you prefer to live with another student, we are happy to arrange that on request.

ALTERNATIVE LODGING

In the case that you prefer total independence, there are a number of other lodging options, so feel free to ask! These may include student apartments and hotels.

PRICE

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

\$1,014 → \$1,136 **

**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;

- Visits to clinics and hospitals
- Zinacantan & San Juan Chamula, indigenous villages
- Horseback riding to San Juan Chamula
- Huitepec, natural ecological reserve
- Rancho Nuevo Caves
- Montebello Lakes
- Sumidero Canyon
- Tonina, Maya archeological site
- Palenque, Maya archeological site

Some activities may be at an additional cost.

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the MEDICAL PROGRAM in San Cristobal de las Casas, Mexico, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

<http://www.nrdsa.com/reg/on-line/regform.html>

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