



# Medical Language & Cultural Immersion SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA



## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Our Medical Spanish program in San José, Costa Rica, combines the standard group program, which covers Spanish for everyday use during 4 daily sessions, with two additional private lessons daily, focusing on medical Spanish, as per the student's specific needs or request. 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.



## **CITY AND COUNTRY INFO**

San José, the capital of Costa Rica, has a population of 1 million and is home to several excellent museums and many of the country's best hotels, restaurants, and nightlife options. The city's other great assets are its location and mild climate as San José enjoys pleasant weather year round and stands in a broad fertile bowl ringed by jagged mountains, some of which are active volcanoes. Despite its cosmopolitan atmosphere with Central, South and North Americans as well as Europeans on busy downtown streets, its residents display an unmatched friendliness and warmth.

Located in a quiet, upscale residential area, the school's campus is a 20 minute walk from downtown. It has comfortable, sunny classrooms, surrounded by green areas with a vista of mountains as the backdrop.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM**

After participating in this Medical Language & Cultural Immersion Program in San José, 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.
  - **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 \*\***
  - **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.  
\*\* See policy for definitions and exclusions.

## **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.

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

Please note that this program is *not* available in June or July.

### **CULTURAL PROGRAM**

We believe that a language program must be complemented with a wide range of social and cultural activities not only to allow students to use and practice the Spanish language but also to maximize student exposure to San José and our culture.

Free daily Latin dance classes (Mon.- Thur.), free Internet access in our Internet room and complimentary Costa Rican coffee throughout the day are available.

## **LODGING OPTIONS**

### **HOMESTAY**

The host families in are experienced and enthusiastic participants in the student's life. Our families are one of the most important elements in successfully learning the language.

Participating families are chosen for their friendliness and helpfulness to the student. Most live within a 20 minute bus ride from the Institute, while a few are within walking distance. Homestays can be arranged to accommodate individual students, couples and families with children.

Accommodation with half-board (breakfast & dinner). Single room with own or shared bathroom (shower/toilet); bed sheets and towels are provided.

### **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 2 weeks of language classes with cultural activities and lodging from:

**\$ 1,369 + \*\***

\*\*Prices range according to housing and board options.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES**

US and Canadian citizens can enter Costa Rica without a visa and stay up to 90 days.

Minimum age of 17 unless accompanied by an adult.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Every week we organize activities such as a tropical fruit class, a Costa Rican typical food class, going to the theater, concerts, discos and other gatherings. Activities are posted on the bulletin board in the reception area.

Students participating in the Spanish language programs are welcome to join the Latin dance program at no additional cost. Classes are taught by professional dance instructors in our special mirrored classroom. Participants with no previous knowledge, as well as those with experience, enjoy themselves while improving their abilities.

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

To register for the Medical Language & Cultural Immersion Program in San José, either follow the link below or call 1-888-678-6211.

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

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