

Medical Language & Cultural Immersion SANTIAGO, CHILE Starts Every Monday



### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Our Medical Spanish program in Santiago, Chile 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 in the extreme southwest of South America, Chile is a country of great beauty and diversity. From the Atacama Desert in the north to the lush fertile valley of central Chile, the natural wonders of this country welcome visitors from the world over.

The capital of Chile, Santiago, is a bustling cosmopolitan city. At 1,800 feet above sea level and bordered by the Andes to the east, few world capitals have a more dramatic setting. Visitors to this city should be sure to go to the San Cristobal and Santa Lucia hills for exceptional views of Santiago. Forestal and O'Higgins parks provide relaxing breaks from the bustle of the city and there are many museums, churches, plazas and shops for those interested.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM

After participating in this Medical Language & Cultural Immersion Program in Santiago, 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
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  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-onone 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.

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.

#### 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 S practice the Spanish language but also to maximize student exposure to Santiago and our culture.

# **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:

### \$ 1640 + \*\*

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

# <u>ELIGIBILITY AND</u> <u>GUIDELINES</u>

US and Canadian citizens can enter Chile without a visa and stay up to 90 days. A Tourist Card will be issued for a stay of up to 90 days upon payment of a reciprocity fee.

Because of the various prerequisites for clinical shadowing, this program is by application only.

Application is due at least 2 months prior to the program start date.

- Enrollment in Spanish classes
- Resume
- Cover letter

• A transcript from highest or current level of medical education completed and/or a photocopy of your medical license.

# <u>ACTIVITIES</u>

During the week Santiago has a thriving social atmosphere; everyone likes to meet after work, meet new friends, enjoy live music, a play or dancing. On the weekend you can do outdoor activities or take a trip outside the city. We invite you to participate in our weekly activities: city tours, salsa and merengue lessons, museum tours, vineyard tours, and social evenings are all part of our program! On the weekend we take trips to Valparaiso, Viña del Mar, La Serena or other varied destinations to enjoy the beautiful landscapes. For adventure lovers we organize horseback trekking, rafting and trekking!

### HOW TO REGISTER

To register for the Medical Language & Cultural Immersion Program in Santiago, 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.