

NRCSA Medical Programs in Mexico



Mexico has an interesting view of medical care. They offer a variety of modern health care facilities along with alternative and indigenous healing arts.

Cuernavaca, also known as "the land of eternal spring," was founded in the colonial era and is located about 50 miles south of Mexico City. It has a population of 500,000 while still possessing the many advantages of a large city.

Intensive Spanish Language Program for Medicine

PROGRAM

This program includes 30 hrs/week of language and lectures on medical topics. Through this intensive Medical Spanish Program, healthcare professionals will develop skills and knowledge that will enhance their effectiveness with Spanish-speaking patients or clients. Terminology and information specific to the health care field is part of the curriculum.

The program is designed to meet individual's interest, profession and Spanish proficiency level. It emphasizes medical and psychological terminology, vocabulary and activities that fit the health care professional's needs to not only communicate with the Hispanic population, but also understand its cultural issues.

A typical daily schedule begins at 8 am and ends at 4 pm, Monday through Friday: 1) Three hours of Spanish classes with no more than five students per class. 2) Two hours of Latin American courses in social sciences and humanities. 3) One hour of lectures (Conferencia) in History of Medicine, Mexican Medical Institutions, Traditional Medicine and other subjects in health care. 4) Two hours of optional classes based on individual needs and interests.

LODGING

The lodging coordinators have developed an extensive list of homestay families. The families are selected for the amenities they provide, and their willingness to offer additional conversation practice to students. All host families are eager to welcome students into their homes, sharing with them the warmth of Mexican home life. Homestays feature private room and bath in spacious homes which usually have a garden, swimming pool, and other amenities. Three meals are included in the plan.

Other Housing Arrangements:

The Guest Residence is located 2 blocks from the NRCSA Center. Students may choose private rooms with bathrooms and enjoy the same facilities as with a Mexican host family, but without the benefits of interacting with a Mexican family. Three meals are also included in this plan. This option is available at additional cost. Not available May - July. Reservations should be made early due to only 9 rooms available.



Apartment & Bungalows - Cuernavaca also has a number of furnished apartments and bungalows available (one or two bedroom units). These may be attractive to married students who come with their family, or anyone wanting more independence. This option is available at additional cost.

Hotels - We can provide some limited assistance to students in finding hotels, however, the student should plan on making own arrangements.

Non-student Housing - If traveling with spouse, friend, or child, non-student homestays are available at a reasonable daily rate, including meals.

ARRIVAL TRANSFER

An arrival transfer from Mexico City airport to your lodging address in Cuernavaca is included in the program. Arrival details need to be communicated to NRCSA in advance.

ACTIVITIES

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of recreational activities organized by the school. They include social and cultural events that significantly contribute to the learning experience.

Twice a month, the NRCSA Center organizes "fiestas" for students which allow for informal conversation and discussion with faculty members. Students' host families are also invited to these social activities. Gatherings at a local cafe in Cuernavaca provide an opportunity to interact in Spanish with each other and with teachers in a social setting.



In cooperation with the Morelos Tourist Bureau and the University of Morelos,

Universidad Internacional keeps students informed about cultural events taking place in Cuernavaca, such as music and dance recitals, exhibitions, lectures, plays and special films.

Students enrolled in the language program have the opportunity to participate in excursions and field trips organized by the school. These are usually half-day, one day, or two day trips scheduled during the week and on weekends. They include trips to archaeological and colonial sites, institutions such as hospitals or companies, colonial towns, and the beach. A faculty member serves as a guide to lead discussions and answer questions during these outings. The guided tour is usually conducted in Spanish. Excursions are optional and at additional cost.

Cost includes:

- 15 hrs/week Group Spanish (includes some medical vocabulary)
- 10 hrs/week of Latin American social sciences.
- 5 hrs/week of Lectures on health care issues.
- 5 hrs/week of optional cultural classes & activities.
- Homestay lodging in single room.
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner daily.
- Arrival transfer from airport to lodging address.
- Insurance
- Access to computer/internet lab.
- Entry & exit placement assessment.
- Daily transportation from homestay to school.
- Certificate of achievement.

GROUP SPANISH & MEDICAL VOCABULARY

[REGISTER](#)

2006 Dates: Start any Monday in 2006.

2006 Fees:	1 weeks:	\$ 679
	2 weeks:	\$ 1,178
	Additional weeks:	\$ 474

Highlights

Group Spanish & Medical Vocabulary , health care professionals will develop skills and knowledge that will enhance their effectiveness with Spanish-speaking patients or clients. Terminology and information specific to the health care field is part of the curriculum.

MORE DETAILS ...

General

- No maximum age. Minimum age is 17 (often waived if accompanied by an adult).
- Location: Downtown
- Size: varies considerably by season. The 'average' is over 80 foreign students.
- Arrival airport transfers are available at extra cost if requested 3 weeks in advance.
- Medical: school refers students if needed (medical costs additional). See below for information regarding insurance.
- Vacations: no class make-up on National, Regional, or local holidays.

Classes

- Foreign language classes are taught entirely in the foreign language (immersion method).
- All levels are welcome (beginner to advanced) unless otherwise specified above.
- Levels: placement tests are used. If there is no full group at your level, smaller group or tutor may be given with fewer hours per week.
- Tutor means one-on-one class (private teacher). Shared tutor means two-on-one.
- Students/class is maximum people per class ... which may be exceeded by 1-2 persons due to level placement.
- School is popular with business and medical professionals seeking accelerated and special vocabulary classes.
- Texts and materials are over \$15 per level.
- Class-hour is 45 to 60 minutes (Most universities use a 50 minute hour).

Lodging & Meals

- Accommodation address sent 7-14 days prior to start of session.
- Lodging ends day after last day of class. Begins the day prior to start of class.
- Meals: See 'cost includes' above for which meals included. (2 meals means breakfast and dinner)
- In homestays, meal times and content will vary.

Cultural Program & Activities

- Excursions average 1-2 weekly.
- Culture/humanities classes (audit some!).
- Weekly cultural lectures or activities (included).
- Theater/enrichment activities (at additional cost).
- Many varied activities: some included, some optional.
- Weekly art, craft, or cooking (materials extra).
- Conversation Club/exchanges with native speakers.
- Some entrance fees/bus fares may be additional.

Children

- Children Group program (seasonal).
- Lodging, daycare and tutor classes available.

Insurance --- for study dates prepaid through NRCSA

- 24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline (call collect from anywhere in the world)
- \$25,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation
- \$10,000 Accident or Sickness (\$100 deductible per claim)
- \$5,000 Emergency Reunion
- See policy for definitions and exclusions
- Increased insurance coverages available on request and at additional cost. Please inquire with NRCSA at least 3 weeks prior to departure.

Facilities

The NRCSA Center in Cuernavaca was founded in 1980 and is affiliated with more than 100 universities, colleges and institutions in the United States, Canada, Japan and Europe, as well with the Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Morelos. Its philosophy reflects the importance in advancing communication and understanding between Mexico and other countries.

The main academic focus centers around:

- Teaching intensive Spanish for foreign students whose knowledge of Spanish varies from beginning to advanced
- Teaching Hispano-American literature, history and art

The facilities include a library, bookstore, money exchange office, copy center, cafeteria, computer lab, and fax and telephones services. Once the student starts their program a private free email account is provided upon request. All students have full Internet access (E-mail, telnet, Internet). In addition, many services other services are included, such as: medical referral, academic advising and student counseling.

The NRCSA Center has experienced, well-qualified, Spanish-speaking instructors. Dedicated professionals, they not only teach but also participate in the social, cultural and research programs. Staff provide administrative assistance to the students insuring that their classes and housing are appropriate to their needs. Also, the staff joins the faculty to help develop confidence in students' ability to speak Spanish and increase their language skills.

The programs have been recognized as Quality Approved Programs through a formal agreement with SUNY-Brockport, an American institution accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Philadelphia, PA, USA.

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

Since 1968, the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (NRCSA) has been working with schools around the world to strengthen programs specifically for health professionals.

ALL CENTERS OFFER:

- **QUALIFIED EDUCATORS...** experienced working with medical and health professionals.
- **LOCAL HOUSING COORDINATORS...** familiar with local homestays, B&B's, apartments, & hotels.
- **LOCAL ACTIVITY COORDINATORS...** for varied culture and social activities & tours.
- **ON-SITE PROGRAM DIRECTOR...** if you need extra support services.
- **ADVISING...** orientations, medical referral and meetings with each student to address individual concerns.
- **MEDICAL INSURANCE...** includes accident, medical, med-evac coverage, & 24/7 Bilingual Emergency Worldwide Hotline.
- **TRANSPORTATION...** special fares, arrival transfer assistance.
- **TELECOM SUPPORT...** web, e-mail, fax access assistance - most on site.

TRAINING CENTERS IN:

Argentina • Austria • Bolivia • Brazil • Canada • Chile • China • Costa Rica • Czech Republic
Denmark • Dominican Republic • Ecuador • Egypt • Finland • France • Germany • Greece • Holland
Honduras • Hungary • Italy • Japan • Korea • Mexico • Monaco • Norway • Paraguay • Peru • Poland
Portugal • Puerto Rico • Russia • Spain • Sweden • Switzerland • Thailand • Uruguay • Venezuela

NRCSA has coordinated program for health professionals from the following organizations.

A survey of NRCSA registration forms shows staff from the following health and health-related organizations enrolling in NRCSA study abroad programs. Some were paid by their employers. Many received tuition reimbursement. All sought to improve foreign language and intercultural skills.

Advantage Healthcare
Anaheim Memorial Hospital
Arrowhead OBGYN
Associated Press
Aurora Healthcare
Best Nest
Bilingual Speech Source
Bilingual Therapies Inc.
Biosystems Analysis, Inc.
Boston Medical Center
Boulder Community Hospital
Boulder County Mental Health
Brackenridge Hospital
Bristol Meyer Squibb
California Children's Services
Carilion Health Systems
Cascade Medical Clinic
Charter Medical
Children's Hospital of Cincinnati
Children's Hospital of San Diego
Children's Hospital of Milwaukee
Cobb County Board of Health
Coshaine Medical
Du Pont Dow
Family Medical
Family Service Agency
Franciscan Health Center
Georgia State Univ Medical School
Harvard Medical School

Hines VA Hospital
Hospital Sept-Iles
Illinois Masonic Medical Center
John Hopkins University
John Umstead Hospital
JPS Health Network
Kaiser Hospital
Kaiser Permanente
Kareena Pue Hospital
Klehm Nursery
Lifelink Corp
Madison Community Health Center
Mariposa Company
Massachusetts General Hospital
Milwaukee County Hospital
Monsanto Chemical
Muticare
Nativity House
Neurology Group
North Suffolk Mental Health Center
Northwestern Univ Medical School
NY Dept Human Services
O'Connor Hospital
Ohio State University
Orange County Social Services
Over Lake Hospital
Park Nicollet Medical Center
Permanente Medical Group
Planned Parenthood

Private Practice
Professional Rehabilitation Associates
Psychiatric Institute of Washington
Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Sacred Heart Medical Center
San Francisco General Hospital
San Luis Ambulance
Seattle Public Health
Somerville Mental Health Center
St. Vincent Hospital
Stanford Medical College
Univ of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
Univ of California - Los Angeles Medical Center
Univ of California - Los Angeles School of Medicine
Univ of California - San Diego Medical School
Univ of Kansas Medical Center
Univ of Minnesota Medical Center
Univ of North Carolina Medical School
Univ of Oklahoma Medical School
Univ of Texas Health Science
VA Medical Center
Via Rehabilitation Services
Univ of Washington Health Science
Univ of Wisconsin - Madison
US Dept. of Health
Wesley Woods
Women's Healthcare Associates
Yale Medical School
Yale University

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US:

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PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrcca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

A. Name(s) _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____ Citizenship _____
Please print
 _____ Employer _____ Occupation _____
If student, school attending and year

Street: _____ Tel. Home: _____
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.

City/State/Zip: _____ Tel. Work: _____

_____ Fax: _____

_____ E-mail: _____

In Emergency, notify: _____
(Name, Address, Phone)

B. BACKGROUND: _____
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level:

- Beginner Post Beginner
 Intermediate Advanced

C. LODGING: _____
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

Check Preferences.

- Single Share Twin Other: _____
 Yes Smoking No Smoking Either
 Yes Pets No Pets Either
 Yes Children No Children Either

D. GOALS: _____

E. INSURANCE: Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

- PREFER:** Homestay Involvement Freedom to Come/Go
ARE YOU? Quiet Outgoing Frequent Traveler
OBJECTIVES: Enrichment Academic Credit Job Related
HOBBIES: Reading Music Cooking Jogging Sports

F. PROGRAM INFORMATION	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
Your Signature (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES

ACCIDENT / MEDICAL INSURANCE UP TO \$10,000
EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION UP TO \$25,000
EMERGENCY REUNION UP TO \$5,000
REPATRIATION UP TO \$7,500
LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000
24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE-MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

H. CREDIT CARDS:

For program deposit only (*not final payment*) check:
 VISA Mastercard American Express Amount Charged \$ _____

_____ / _____
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

CHANGE FEES of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

CANCELLATIONS are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

CONDITIONS: Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

INFORMATION USE: Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

NOTE: Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.