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## Maceio, Brazil 2006-2007

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## Medical Program in Maceio, Brazil

Brazil is one of the largest countries in South America and is noted for its natural beauty and fascinating culture.

Maceio is the capital of the state of Alagoas, in northeastern Brazil, with a population of approximately 325,000 people. Situated below low bluffs between the Atlantic Ocean and the Norte (or Mundaú) Lagoon, Maceio has a great outdoor market of local crafts ranging from dresses and t-shirts to handmade jewelry and hammocks. The city also offers a number of bars and discotheques, both on the beach and in the city, with live or recorded Brazilian music. The city organizes a number of famous street parties such as Maceio Fest (an out-of-season carnival in November) and, of course, the traditional Carnival in February.



### Group Medical Portuguese & Volunteer Program



#### PROGRAM

The Medical Program in Brazil is a 4-week specialist program developed by Maceio Language Institute in partnership with the Hospital-Escola de Doenças Tropicais de Alagoas (Hospital-School of Tropical Diseases of Alagoas).

Combining Portuguese language classes, Medical vocabulary with an emphasis on Tropical Diseases, and a 2-week hospital visit and volunteer program, this course provides participants with the tools necessary to experience first-hand the issues dealing with Brazilian Medicine.



The goal of the Medical Program is improving the students' knowledge of Portuguese language and Brazilian culture while developing those skills required for Doctor-Patient relationships as well as other Medical procedures. This course is geared towards healthcare professionals and students of medicine, nursing, etc.

The study material of the program was carefully developed from medical reports of current case studies occurring at the Hospital-Escola de Doenças Tropicais de Alagoas. The material includes subjects such as:

- General medical vocabulary
- Doctor-Patient relationship
- Tropical diseases (Dengue, Febre Amarela, Malária)
- Human Body (in General, Head and Mouth, intern organs)

Classes are held at school by a doctor-Infectologist, specializing in Tropical Diseases. As part of the program's course material, students receive a personalised, comprehensive Portuguese-English dictionary of Medical Vocabulary.

The hospital visits and volunteer opportunities are held at the Hospital-Escola de Doenças Tropicais and students take part as student-observers. Foreign students have the opportunity to meet and interact with local university students who attend classes at the hospital as part of their curriculum. Furthermore, while learning, they can make friendships and exchange knowledge and experiences.

A basic-to-intermediate Portuguese level is required of students interested in applying for this program. However students who do not have this level of Portuguese just need to take a 2-week General Portuguese course in order to be proficient enough to join a group for Medical Programs.

[Click to see the schedule for the Medical Program](#)



#### LODGING

HOMESTAYS include living with a Brazilian family to experience the day-to-day lifestyle and practice Portuguese with your host family. Families are carefully selected, ensuring a clean and comfortable home, a single, private bedroom and convenient location to the school. Hot running water is available in most homestays.

2 meals daily (café da manha and jantar) are included in the homestay. Rice and beans are a dietary staple, as is fruit and meat. For lunch, there are many "self-service" restaurants with excellent food charged by the kilo.

Double rooms may only be booked by two students traveling together.

MACEIO HOTELS - Ranging from budget to deluxe, Maceio's hotels are conveniently located within 20 minutes walking from the school, directly across from the ocean. Breakfast included in the price. This option is available upon request and at additional cost.

POUSADAS - Small, inexpensive hotels located 10 minutes walking from the school. Rooms are clean with private bathroom and television. Air conditioning also available. Breakfast included in the price. This option is available upon request and at additional cost.

APARTMENTS - Fully furnished apartments with one up to three bedrooms, convenient located, within walking distance from the school and across the beach. This option is available upon request and at additional cost.

## ARRIVAL TRANSFER

An arrival transfer from the Maceio airport to the lodging address is included in the price of the program. Arrival details need to be communicated to NRCSA in advance.

## ACTIVITIES

A special program of activities is incorporated into the weekly schedule. Everything from walking tours of the city to excursions outside of the city on the weekends. (See sample schedule above).



## Cost Includes

- 20 hrs/week Group general & medical Portuguese
- 20 hrs/week Volunteer service in hospital (2 week period).
- 5 hrs/week Activities.
- Homestay lodging in single room.
- Two meals daily.
- Arrival transfer from airport to lodging address.
- Insurance
- Weekend activities and excursions.
- Entry and exit placement exams.
- Course materials.
- Visa invitation letter ( VISA REQUIRED for travel in Brazil)
- Certificate of achievement.

### MACEIO MEDICAL PROGRAM

[REGISTER](#)

**2006 Dates:** Starting 10 July - 4 August, 2006 (Arrival date -9 July)

**2006 Fees:**

4 weeks:	\$ 1,723
Additional week:	\$ 335

### Highlights

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## MORE DETAILS ...

### General

- No maximum age. Minimum age is 18 (often waived if accompanied by an adult).
- Location: Suburbs
- Size: varies considerably by season. The 'average' is under 25 foreign students.
- Medical: school refers students if needed (medical costs additional). See below for information regarding insurance.
- Arrival airport transfers are included if flights advised 30 days prior arrival.
- 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 included in cost.
- Class-hour is 45 to 60 minutes (Most universities use a 50 minute hour).

### Lodging & Meals

- Accommodation address given upon arrival.
- 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 monthly.
- Weekly cultural lectures or activities (included).
- Some entrance fees/bus fares may be additional.

### Children

- Lodging/daycare available at additional cost.
- School favored by families traveling with children.

### Insurance

- 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 Maceio is devoted to providing high quality, personalized language instruction, specializing in Portuguese for non-Brazilians, English and Spanish for Brazilians and students from other exchange countries.

All teachers are professional and experienced native instructors, university graduated and trained in the school's direct approach to language teaching. They are from various parts of Brazil, allowing for exposure to different accents, expressions and styles of teaching.

While studying in either Maceio or Sao Paulo, students can take advantage of the following services:

- Business Center - Business center facilities with free use of Internet, computer, printer and fax are at the student's disposal.
- Currency Exchange - The school can exchange U.S. dollars in the form of traveler's checks, cash, and personal checks. For other currencies and monetary systems, they may be able to assist students. The process requires approximately 24 hours to complete the transaction.
- Mail Service - Personal mail can be sent and received by students.

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## ALL CENTERS OFFER:

- **QUALIFIED EDUCATORS...** experienced working with medical and health professionals.
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- **ADVISING...** orientations, medical referral and meetings with each student to address individual concerns.
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## ***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  
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US Dept. of Health  
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Women's Healthcare Associates  
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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.nrcsa.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.

**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.

**Check Preferences.**  
 Single  Share Twin  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes Smoking  No Smoking  Either  
 Yes Pets  No Pets  Either  
 Yes Children  No Children  Either

**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

<b>F. PROGRAM INFORMATION</b>	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)	
<b>Your Signature</b> (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.