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**NATIONAL REGISTRATION CENTER
FOR STUDY ABROAD MEDICAL PROGRAMS**



San Jose, Costa Rica 2006-2007

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NRCSA Medical Programs in Costa Rica



Costa Rica has the highest standard of medical care in all of Latin America and is home to a number of high quality medical facilities and teaching centers.

San José, the capital of Costa Rica, has 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. San José enjoys pleasant weather year round and is situated in a broad fertile bowl ringed by jagged mountains, some of which are active volcanoes.

Group Spanish Lessons & Medical Vocabulary PLUS Medical Facilities Visits (Not available during mid-June through mid-August)

PROGRAM

The Group Spanish instruction is offered at up to five levels from elementary to advanced. Students are given an evaluation exam upon arrival and are placed in the appropriate group. A team of teachers, working in rotation, will personally guide you in your studies. They will teach you in the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. With the assistance of audio cassettes, overhead projectors, video and other visual aids, your team will instruct you in grammar, correct pronunciation and the use of everyday idiomatic language. Classes are small with a maximum of 8 students and often with only 4 or 5 group participants. The small group size assures you individual participation and attention from the teacher.



The Medical Vocabulary Tutorial classes will focus on the words and phrases you use in your daily interaction with patients or will need in your area of work. These are private lessons that progress at your level and abilities. It provides a chance to work on your personal strengths and weaknesses. You are encouraged to submit a list of vocabulary in advance for use in the class.

This program also includes two visits per week to local hospitals, clinics and other medical facilities. This allows students a chance to see how medical facilities are run in San Jose.

LODGING



Families participating in the homestay program have been carefully chosen for their friendliness and willingness to help the students practice Spanish and acquaint themselves with the Costa Rican way of life. The host families are from the Costa Rican middle class and most have had foreign students as guests before. We will make every reasonable effort to match you and your interests with an appropriate family.

Homes are within easy commuting distance from the school. Students will be placed one student per family. The homestay will provide the student with experience in handling real language situations and will help the student acquire insights into local culture and customs, all of which add meaning to the language learning process.

The homestay includes a private room, and laundry service plus a good breakfast and a main meal. Normally, homestays begin on the weekend prior to starting classes. Student lodging with the family begins the day the student arrives in Costa Rica. Other benefits such as weekly laundry service are included.

Other Accommodations - For students wishing alternate lodging arrangements, we can make reservations at one of several nearby hotels or apart-hotels. Please specify class level and amenities desired if this type of lodging is of interest to you. These options are on request and at additional cost.

Non-students (children, spouse) who are accompanying a student can receive lodging and meals with a family during non-peak months. Additionally, we will attempt to locate day care for children while parents are studying.

ARRIVAL TRANSFER

Students will be met at the San Jose Airport and transferred to their lodging at no additional cost provided flight information is conveyed at least 10 days in advance. A departure transfer is also provided. Lodging information is sent prior to departure. Information of where to go and how to get there will be sent to students prior to departure.

ACTIVITIES

Cultural & Social Activities Since Intensa's San Jose location also teaches English to Costa Ricans, there is ample opportunity to meet and converse with native speakers at the school. Many students arrange informal conversation exchange sessions.

Weekday Tours Focus on attractions relatively close to San Jose such as museums, coffee plantations, nearby volcanoes, and botanical gardens.



Weekend Tours Offer the best opportunity to visit Costa Rica's tropical beaches and lush national parks. Active volcanoes, white water rivers, rain and cloud forests, coral reefs, and tropical jungles are some other options. Activities are generally available, with transportation and entrance fees payable locally.

We believe that relaxation through recreation is an important ingredient of any intensive study program. Therefore, the school has

supplemented the instruction program with a cultural program which includes fieldtrips, Latin American dance lessons, and tours through the lush, green, picturesque countryside and to breathtaking tropical beaches.

Cost Includes:

- 20 hrs/week Group Spanish
- 10 hrs/week Medical Vocabulary Tutorial
- Two visits per week to local medical facilities.
- Homestay lodging in single room.
- Two meals daily.
- Arrival & Departure transfer from airport to lodging address.
- Insurance
- Laundry once per week.
- Entry placement exam.
- Certificate of achievement.
- Course materials.

SPANISH & MEDICAL VOCABULARY PLUS MEDICAL FACILITIES VISITS

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2006 Dates: Program starts any Monday in 2006.

- School closed on January 1; April 11; Holy Week from April 10 - 14; May 1; July 25; August 2, 15; September 15; October 12; November 17; December 25.

2006 Fees:	1 week:	\$ 950
	2 weeks:	\$ 1,450
	Additional weeks:	\$ 787

Highlights

Spanish & Medical Vocabulary Plus Medical Facilities Visits: 20 hours per week Spanish plus 10 hours per week of one and one classes. (Not available during mid-June through mid-August)

MORE DETAILS ...

General

- No maximum age. Minimum age is 17 (often waived if accompanied by an adult).
- Location: Suburbs
- Size: varies considerably by season. The 'average' is 26-80 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.
- Class-hour is 50 minutes (Most universities use a 50 minute hour).

Lodging & Meals • Accommodation address given upon arrival.

- In homestays, meal times and content will vary.
- Lodging ends day after last day of class. Begins Sunday prior to start of class.
- Meals: See 'cost includes' above for which meals included. (2 meals means breakfast and "main" meal).
- If a special diet is preferred (vegetarian, allergies, etc.), please advise NRCSA upon registering for the program.

Cultural Program & Activities

- Excursions optional at additional cost, subject to minimum sign-up.
- Many varied activities: some included, some optional.

Children

- Lodging/daycare available at additional cost.

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 Costa Rica was founded in 1980, and it employs a highly qualified teaching staff. The length study can be as short as two weeks or as long as six months.

It is conveniently located in a quiet residential suburb just off a main bus route and within easy walking distance from bustling downtown San José. The University of Costa Rica is just half a mile away and there are restaurants, stores, theaters, and malls in the surrounding area.

The teachers take a dynamic approach to teaching Spanish through constant conversation practice which is made possible by the high level of its teaching staff. Teachers have university degrees and are selected on the basis of their teaching experience and alert, active personalities.

Over the past 17 years, students have come from all over the world to study, principally from North America and Europe. They are college students, teachers, business people, missionaries, military personnel, and diplomats among others.

The participants arrive with different language backgrounds and expectations: some have no experience with Spanish at all; others have studied formally but have limited conversational skills while still others are fluent but want to improve their interaction with native speakers. Students may receive and send faxes from the school, with incoming faxes being free of charge, and e-mail accounts are available.

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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.

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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
Univ of Wisconsin - Madison
US Dept. of Health
Wesley Woods
Women's Healthcare Associates
Yale Medical School
Yale University

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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.