

Medical Spanish Immersion Courses Offered (outside of UW)

Here is a list of some Spanish language courses and Medical Spanish language-Medical immersion programs located in countries outside of the U.S. This list is by no means meant to be comprehensive, but it is intended to give you a jump start on investigating these type of programs. It is hoped that this list will grow over time with the help of student's experiences with other programs.- Staff at HHP.

Central America

Mexico

Baja California

The Xochicalco Institute of International Health and Medical Spanish offered in collaboration with the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. A 3-week summer program offered in July annually and located in Ensenada, Mexico. Available to 1st year medical students and others. Classroom study of Spanish and guided experiences in community health programs and clinics. Instructors are physicians.

Cost: \$1700. Does not include travel costs. Tuition includes classroom instruction, transportation to and from school, and two meals a day with Mexican host family. Deposit \$200 required.

For more information, access website at <http://www.medicalspanish.org> or contact Rafi Younoszai, Ph.D. at ryounoszai@westernu.edu .

Morelos

Center of Language, Art and History for Foreigners (CLAHPE) at the Autonomous University of State of Morelos (Mexico) - Located in Cuernavaca, known as "The City of the Eternal Spring" due to its pleasant climate throughout the year, CLAHPE offers intensive courses to foreign students who wish to learn or improve their knowledge of the Spanish language and the Latin-American culture (Art, History, and Literature). As a fundamental to part of our Total Immersion Courses, our students have the opportunity to participate in excursions to beaches, archaeological sites and museums, Students also have the opportunity to live with Mexican families to learn more about the costumes an traditions of the country. **MEDICAL SPANISH NOT OFFERED.** No medical immersion. Strictly Spanish language instruction.

Cost: \$200 per week. Does not cover lodging, meals, transportation.

For more information, access the website at <http://www.espanoluaem.com.mx/>. Contact for more information: Maria A. Quero at antonieta@espanoluaem.com.mx .

Jalisco

The Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine's Medical Spanish course is for students seriously interested in learning a language, practicing their language skills with Spanish-speaking patients and enjoying a vibrant new culture. Fourth-year medical students looking for electives in Guadalajara, please contact the San Antonio office at 1-800-531-5494 or

email Associate Dean Itzé Lebrija at itze@uag.edu.

For more information, access website at http://www.uag.mx/medicine/medical_spanish.htm
Contact information:

Costa Rica

International Health Central American Institute Foundation

"The Latin Spanish Patient in the Environment of Tropical Medicine" – an intensive Medical Spanish course and introduction to evidence-based tropical medicine based in San Jose, Costa Rica. Offered year round; 4 week class; includes trip to Caribbean Rain Forest. 6 credits offered. Courses offered in June & July for 1st year medical students; and offered during other months of the year for 3rd & 4th year medical students.

Cost: \$1560. Does not cover travel expenses. Covers airport transfer upon arrival and upon departure; host family lodging; 2 meals per day; laundry once per week; instructors fees; manual; 2 nights & 3 days travel to tropical rain forest.

For more information, access website at <http://www.ihcai.org> or << [click here](#) >> to download pdf brochure - contact information: info@ihcai.org.

Guatemala

University of Nebraska Medical Center Medical Spanish/International Health Course

A 4-week course offered in Antigua and San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala. This course is an immersion Spanish language study with onsite exposure to primary and community health care in an underdeveloped country. Provides homestay with host family. Offered January 6 - February 3, 2008; February 3 - March 2, 2008; April 6 - May 3, 2008; June 1-29, 2008; June 29 - July 27, 2008; July 27 - August 24, 2008.

Cost: \$1550 (going up to \$1700 in June 2008). Not included is airfare, some meals, required texts, & personal expenses.

For more information go to www.unmc.edu/isp/studyabroad/medicalspanishcourse.htm or contact Sara Pirtle at sepirtle@unmc.edu .

Asociacion Pop-Wuj

Medical Spanish/Medical Immersion Program that takes place in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. Throughout all 4+ weeks of the program, all students have 4 hours a day of individualized language instruction and participate in the medical program the other 5 hours a day. During the beginning of the student's stay, the Medical Spanish Program consists more of the supplemental curriculum including lectures, workshops, and observation at clinics. The first week includes an emphasis on lectures to orient students to Guatemala's medical access and practices as well as the cultural context. In the clinical placements for qualified students, as the student's Spanish language ability becomes more proficient, patient interactions become more frequent. The student, the teacher, and the clinic director work together to determine when the student is ready to see patients independently. By the end of the your stay, qualified students see patients 10-20 hours a week and everyone studies Spanish 20 hours a week. Clinical activity begins the second week of the program and is contingent upon participation in the supplemental curriculum and medical training. Weekends are free, and some students use this time to plan outings to nearby areas of interest, while others volunteer at clinics even on weekends; it's up to you.

This special program is offered on a monthly basis beginning on the first Monday of every month. In the peak months (January, February, April, June, July, and August), the program begins also on the third Monday of the month. We also have a special start date on Monday, March 24, 2008. The minimum length of participation is four weeks, but some clinical placements require five weeks or more to participate. Reservations 2-4 months in advance are recommended for the peak months. We also strongly recommend two weeks of language instruction only (i.e., the Immersion Program) before starting the Medical Program if your Spanish is beginner level.

Cost: \$800-\$1000 per 4 weeks depending on whether you sign up for the peak months or not. Does not include airfare. \$200 per week thereafter.

For more information, access the website at http://docs.google.com/View?docid=dqmtqxj_16dx7s3m

Contact information: Shelley Peery at medical@pop-wuj.org or shelleypeeryphd@gmail.com

South America

Ecuador

Interhealth South America: Study and Service Program in Ecuador for Medical Students and Residents

The **Interhealth South America** study and service program is an integrated on-site introduction to Ecuadorian and South American primary, community, and public health and healthcare for North American medical students, and residents and practicing physicians. In addition, emphasis is placed on medical Spanish language acquisition, with practical skills development in patient interviewing and examination in Spanish. The principal format of the program provides structured group and individual field experiences in international health, coordinated with medical language immersion study.

Five tracks are offered:

1. 1st year medical students: Beginning Spanish speakers – Rural health track. No previous study of Spanish language required. Offered June 22 to July 19, 2008.
2. 1st year medical students: Advanced beginner/Intermediate Spanish speakers – Urban clinics and hospitals. Offered June 22 to July 19, 2008.
3. 4th year medical students: Beginning Spanish speakers – Rural health track. Offered February 3 to March 1, 2008.
4. 4th year medical students: Advanced beginner/Intermediate Spanish speakers – Rural clinics and hospitals. Offered February 3 to March 1, 2008.
5. 4th year medical students: Advanced beginner/Intermediate Spanish speakers – Urban clinics and hospitals. Offered February 3 to March 1, 2008.

For more information, access website at: <http://www.interhealthsouthamerica.net/index.htm>.
Contact Don Wedemeyer MD at dwedemeyer@pol.net .

Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine & Catholic University of Ecuador:

Clinical Rotation in Ecuador – 3rd & 4th year medical students will complete a four-week rotation schedule in selected hospitals in Ecuador. Students will: receive orientation and training at Catholic University of Ecuador, receive classes in medical Spanish and conduct clinical rotations in the different services offered by the participating hospitals. Students will be supervised by clinical preceptors in each service. Dates: April 15-May 15, 2008.

Approximate cost: \$1950 + airfare. Application deadline: February 15. Interested students can find more information at: [http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/tdi/Clinical Rotations/index.htm](http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/tdi/Clinical_Rotations/index.htm)

Contacts: Dr. Mario Grijalva at grijalva@ohiou.edu and Dr. David Drozek at drozek@ohiou.edu.

Other

Child Family Health International

Child Family Health International (CFHI) is a global family of committed professionals and students who work at the grassroots level to promote the health of the world community. There are a number of opportunities for medical students and residents to do Spanish immersion programs.

<http://www.cfhi.org/>

Programs With out a Spanish Language Component

U.S. – Mexico Border Health Scholars Program

Medical students; Residents

Offered through the University of Texas Health Science center at San Antonio

<http://steer.uthscsa.edu/> or steer@uthscsa.edu

4-week course offered

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA)—the UT medical school that serves the South Texas/Border Region—offers unique field experiences at the U.S.-Mexico Border for students enrolled in U.S. MD/MPH, medical, public health, and other health professions degree programs. This 4-week elective is presented by the **South Texas Environmental Education and Research (STEER)** program, based in Laredo since 1996 and Harlingen since 2004. The course is free for most students, and so is housing. You will need to pay for your meals, incidental expenses, and transportation to and from Laredo. The course is offered six to eight times a year. Visiting students need to confirm whether their school will offer credit. Our staff will be happy to supply information as to topics and schedule.

Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine: CEDEINFA 2008 - El Salvador

Tentative Dates: Sunday, June 15- Saturday, June 28, 2008

Application Deadline: March 1, 2008

Eligibility: Third and Fourth year medical students

Approximate cost: \$2500.

First, third and fourth year medical students will participate in providing health care along with U.S. and Salvadoran health care workers in inner city clinics and village "brigades" . They will support the ongoing work of CEDEINFA (Center for the Complete Development of Children and Their Families), a non-profit, non-denominational mission that helps rescue high-risk Salvadoran children who live in the poorest communities of San Salvador. Medical students will be immersed in the Salvadoran culture every day, working side-by-side with Salvadoran doctors to provide medical care in some of the poorest communities of El Salvador.

Spanish language knowledge is encouraged but not required.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/International/ElSalvador/index.htm>.

Interested students should contact: Dr. David Drozek at

Drozek@oucom.ohiou.edu or Dr. Eddith Dashiell: Dashiell@ohio.edu

Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine: Community-Based Tropical Disease Research in Ecuador

Dates: July 1st – August 1st, 2008

Eligibility: Students from institutions of higher education
undergraduate, graduate, medical, non-degree

Deadline: February 15th, 2008

Cost: Program fee and Tuition: \$2,500 for 4 weeks, costs increase for longer stays)

\$150 administrative fee.

Airline ticket cost (\$450 to \$750, depending on dates and airline)

Passport, vaccinations, supplies (~\$200)

More information can be found at

http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/tdi/Tropical_Research/Tropical_Research.htm

Interested students should contact Dr. Mario Grijalva at grijalva@ohiou.edu (740) 593 2192.

Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine: Surgical Team in Honduras

Dates: November 1-15, 2008

Approximate Cost: \$1600 + airfare.

Application Deadline: August 31.

Eligibility: Third and Fourth year Medical Students

Spanish language knowledge is encouraged but not required.

<http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/international/ExperienceHonduras/index.htm>

For more information please contact Dr. David Drozek at Drozek@oucom.ohiou.edu.

Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine: Tropical Disease Biology Workshop in Ecuador

Dates: June 15th to July 2nd, 2008

Eligibility: Medical Students

Deadline: April 15th

Costs: Program fee (~\$1,100 to ~2,000); Cost of 5 UG credits tuition (quarter credits) or Non-credit fee; \$150 administrative fee.

Airline ticket cost (\$450 to \$750, depending on dates and airline)

Passport, vaccinations, supplies (~\$200)

More information can be found at:

http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/tropical_disease_workshop/Workshopsummer.htm

Interested students should contact Dr. Joan Cunningham cunninj1@ohio.edu (740) 593-9482.

Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine: Village Mountain Mission – Dominican Republic

Dates: July 23rd to August 3rd, 2008

Eligibility: Medical Students

Deadline: Feb. 28th, 2008

Costs: Approximately \$2,050

Eligibility: Program is ideally suited to Third year medical students but first year students will also be considered.

More information can be found at:

<http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/international/VMM/index.htm>.

For more information, please contact Dr. Roy Bontrager: ohioskier2002@yahoo.com

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