

SALUD PROGRAMME

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMME FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS IN CUENCA, ECUADOR.

Our SALUD programme is aimed at medical, nursing or pharmacy students hoping to learn Spanish medical vocabulary and become familiar with healthcare practices in a Latin American country. It also includes doctor shadowing in a not-for-profit medical institution in Cuenca.

Due to Ecuadorian regulations it cannot include hands-on practice. SALUD is a formally organized Spanish immersion program at the private language institution Estudio Sampere in Cuenca, Ecuador. There will be orientations and safety instructions upon arrival in Cuenca.

Students will take part in both general and medically focused Spanish lessons, as well as cultural activities, excursions and a clinical/experiential component.

Specific tasks for the clinical portion are to be determined on-site based upon students' language proficiency and past experience, as well as upon their ability to integrate well with the doctors. In addition to observation and shadowing, students may also be asked to interact with patients in the following ways:

- Taking vital signs
- Getting medical records
- Bandaging wounds
- Anything other task that the attending doctor requires

Students will take part in visits to different types of medical facilities in Ecuador, including hospitals, clinics and private practices.

During week 2, students will develop activities aimed at giving them an on-the-field comprehension of the Ecuadorean public and private health system. (Note: This program is not oriented to MD or health service graduates.)

SALUD PROGRAM FACTS

- Special program for medical, nursing, or pharmacy students
- Starting Dates: any Monday.
- Application Deadline: 6 weeks prior to start date.
- 4 weeks of Spanish classes in a Mini Group (20 lessons/week, maximum 6 students per group).
- 4 weeks One-to-One Medical Vocabulary lessons (5 lessons/week).
- Private room with host family, full board.
- Service learning visits.
- Family Doctor or Specialist shadowing.
- Discussions/Lectures on Ecuadorian health issues.
- Cultural activities.
- 3 weekend activities.
- Airport pick-up, Quito hotel night upon arrival, Quito city tour.
- Quito-Cuenca flight.
- Orientation tour & materials.
- Available in Ecuador only.