Social Work

A Two-week Language and Cultural Immersion Program for Social Workers

Program Objective: To give social workers the opportunity to improve their Spanish language skills, enhance their cultural competency, and learn about the social work profession in Costa Rica. The California Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW-CA) assisted in planning this two-week program.

Program Goals:
1. To improve attendees’ language skills (levels may range from low beginning through high advanced).
2. To enhance attendees’ cultural competency by offering lectures regarding the Latin culture.
3. To give attendees the opportunity to live with host families and to enhance cultural understanding.
4. To provide attendees with information about the social work profession in Central America.
5. To give attendees the opportunity to experience social work by scheduling visits with local agencies.

Program Format: This program is scheduled for a two-week period with specific days and times for curriculum related activities. This two-week program will provide a total of 40 hours of language classes and 16 hours of cultural classes and activities. Each class has a maximum of four students and the emphasis is on conversational skills.

Program Curriculum:

Lecture Topics:
(a) Costa Rica: An overview of the country and culture.
(b) Social Work in Costa Rica: What, who, how, and where
(c) Social Work in Latin America.

Guest Speakers: Speakers will include local social work professionals and educators

Planned Visits: Visits will be made to agencies located within an hour drive from the school.

2019 Program Dates

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Program fees for 2019 sessions

| Program/Host family | $1,425.00 – This option is highly suggested for program attendees. |
| Program/Campus villas | $1,365.00 (this option does not include any meal). |

CEUs: The immersion program is approved to provide CEUs for specific states and licenses through Homestead Schools (www.homesteadschools.com/LCSW/). Program participants are responsible for checking with their state licensing board to ensure Homestead Schools is an approved provider and the CEUs are applicable to their license.

Extending the Stay: Register for additional weeks of language classes either before or after this program and receive a 10% discount on extra fees.

Program fee includes the following:

- Shuttle from and to the Airport Accommodations
- San Jose International Airport (SJO)
- Two meals daily (breakfast and dinner) and laundry service. *Staying in a villa does not include any meal.
- Classes
- Cooking and dance classes
- Study materials
- Language workbook and other cultural materials
- Internet Access
- Computer lab and Wi-Fi available in the campus school and villas
- Tour of the city
- Learn about local attractions and points of interest
- Internet access: Computer lab and Wi-Fi available in the campus school and Wi-Fi at the villas.

Not included in this fee: The cost of airfare and any tour or excursion such as jungle tour, etc.

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