

# Costa Rica

Academia  
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## 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.

First Saturday	Students arrive
First Sunday Afternoon	Placement Test
Monday – Friday	Language classes - 20 hours per week
Tuesdays & Thursdays	Cultural classes and activities 8 hours per week
Final Friday Evening	Closing celebration
Final Saturday	Departure day

#### 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.



### 2018 and January 2019 Program Dates

**June 2018:**  
Arrival day: Saturday, June 2 nd  
Departure day: Saturday, June 16 th

**December 2018:**  
Arrival day: Saturday, December 8 th  
Departure day: Saturday, December 22 nd

**July 2018:**  
Arrival day: Sunday, July 15 th  
Departure day: Sunday, July 29 th

**January 2019:**  
Arrival day: Saturday, January 5 th  
Departure day: Saturday, January 19 th

#### Program fees for 2018 (June, July and December) and January 2019 sessions

Program/Host family \$1,395.00 – This option is highly suggested for program attendees.  
Program/Campus villas \$1,340.00 (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/](http://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	San Jose International Airport (SJO)
Accommodations	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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