

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.

2011 - 2012 and 2013 Program dates

- December 2011:** Wednesday, December 7 (arrival day) – Wednesday, December 21 (departure day)
- January 2012:** Sunday, January 1 (arrival day) – Sunday, January 15 (departure day)
- June 2012:** Saturday, June 9 (arrival day) – Saturday, June 23 (departure day)
- July 2012:** Saturday, July 21 (arrival day) – Saturday, August 04 (departure day)
- December 2012:** Saturday, December 08 (arrival day) – Saturday, December 22 (departure day)
- January 2013:** Saturday, January 5 (arrival day) – Saturday, January 19 (departure day)

Program fees for December 2011 and January 2012 sessions.

Program/Host family \$1,200.00 – This option is highly suggested for program attendees.
Program/Campus villas \$1,200.00*

Program fees for June, July, December 2012 and January 2013

Program/Host family \$1,295.00 – This option is highly suggested for program attendees.
Program/Campus villas \$1,295.00*

Get CEU's!: You can receive 20 CEU's through Homestead Schools for attending this program.

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 dinner
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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