

Especially for pre-health students...

SPANISH & MEDICINE

Argentina, Chile, Peru

Combine a Spanish immersion course with medical exposure while experiencing Latin American culture



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Participants

This program primarily enrolls premed students, though spots for nursing, predoctoral, and med students may be available. All students must have completed at least one year of university or college studies. There is no minimum Spanish level. Openness to new experiences and willingness to learn are must-haves for a successful ECELA student.

How to Apply

Space is limited so apply early! Please send us a brief description of your educational experience and career plans, and be prepared to have a school advisor vouch for your character and serious intentions. We strive to include a diverse mix of students from different colleges in each program.

Program Details

Summer Session 1

May 20, 2012–June 30, 2012;

Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Join our group of 30 students in beautiful Buenos Aires for Spanish classes, healthcare exposure, and unforgettable cultural experiences. The six-week Spanish course provides the equivalent of two college semesters. Additional medical Spanish classes, featuring role-playing and medical terminology, emphasize the terms and skills you will need to communicate in a hospital setting.

Organized tours of medical facilities will include visits such as a morgue, psychiatric hospital, infectious disease center, emergency response center, cardiology hospital, and addiction rehab facility.

Students with intermediate or advanced Spanish (two semesters minimum) may choose to shadow clinic doctors for an additional fee. Ample free time for enjoying tango, soccer, and the gaucho ranches of Argentina's pampas region is built into the program. **Cost: \$1,990 includes Spanish course plus medical components.**

Summer Session 2

July 1, 2012–August 11, 2012; Cusco, Peru.

High among the mountains in the ancient Incan city of Cusco, 30 students will learn Spanish, participate in a learning hospital, and explore the world of Andean alternative medicine. The Spanish course is a six-week intensive equivalent to two college semesters.



At Hospital Antonio Lorena, students will shadow doctors, discuss key cases in morning meetings, and practice Spanish in an immersive setting. The rural areas surrounding Cusco, where people rely exclusively on alternative medicine, provide a fascinating counterpoint to the learning hospital. Students will visit alternative treatment centers and observe the use of plant-based medicines, hot rock therapy, acupuncture, and massage. While in Peru, students can also tour the iconic mountaintop Machu Picchu complex, visit local markets, and learn about indigenous cultures.

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Flexible medical shadowing

Year-round (very limited spots), Buenos Aires, Santiago, Lima

If you are an intermediate or advanced Spanish student (two semesters minimum) and currently in nursing or med school, ECELA can help you plan a flexible medical shadowing abroad. Locations may include Santiago, Chile; Cusco, Peru; or Buenos Aires, Argentina. Shadowing positions are not necessarily available year-round. Please contact us for costs and more information.

What students like you say.....



**Stephanie Butler -
University of Nevada Reno**

I really enjoyed the experience of studying Spanish in Buenos Aires. The people I met and activities I participated in left a lasting impression on me that I will always remember. I also learned a lot about culture and daily lives of people in the medical profession here that it will help me to be a better Doctor in my own country.

**Michael Plage -
University of North Carolina
- Chapel Hill**

I truly enjoyed ECELA medicinae and Spanish program. The staff is extremely accommodative, friendly and understanding. As for the content of the program the majority of the medical activities re highly informative and entertaining.

Adrienne Law - UCLA

Thank you ECELA , I had the time of my life learning about Argentina, the healthcare system and I gained confidence in my Spanish speaking skills. Initially during the first weeks I was afraid to speak Spanish thinking "I have a bad grammar, people will make fun of me" but in reality ECELA gave me a lot of opportunities to practice, a safety and friendly environment. I am definitely coming back!!

**Maria Kitchen -
University of Florida**

I came to a foreign country on my own not knowing what to expect.. but Buenos Aires and ECELA turned out to be wonderful!! My Spanish classes very very helpful and the fact that they were small intimate group of students, made it so much easier for me to learn the material. The staff at ECELA have been very kind to us and I already know I have made long lasting friendship. I recommend anyone interested in Learning Spanish and meeting new people to enroll with ECELA.



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