

This is a partial listing of Spanish Language/Medical Spanish courses.

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Courses listed by Country

Bolivia:

- **Academia Latinoamericana** offers a high quality program focusing on the four basic language skills: listening, grammar, oral and written comprehension.
http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/1402/1402index.html

Costa Rica:

- **Adventure Education Center:** <http://adventurespanishschool.com/>
This program in Costa Rica has 2 locations: Turrialba and Playa Dominical. They offer medical Spanish programs with a clinical component.
Adventure Education Center's Medical Spanish program in Turrialba
<http://adventurespanishschool.com/turrialbacampus.php>
Contact: Dr. Sandra Rojas
Location: Hospital William Allen Turrialba, Costa Rica about 15 minutes outside of the centers main address. Turrialba central
Adventure Education Center's Medical Spanish program in Dominical
<http://adventurespanishschool.com/dominicalcampus.php>
Contact: <http://adventurespanishschool.com/dominicalcampus.php> Dr. Bonilla
Location: Dominical and the hospital Dr. Fernando Escalante Pradilla
Address: San Isidro de Perez Zeledon
- The **Forester Instituto Internacional** in San Jose offers several exciting programs of instruction in the Spanish language. Its short term plans of two, three and four weeks are very popular among visitors to the country.
http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/2317/2317index.html
- **Intensa Instituto Interamericano de Idiomas, S.A.** internationally known as Intensa reflecting its "intensive" language programs was founded in 1980. Currently, Intensa offers second language program in English and Spanish and relies on a highly qualified teaching staff. The length of the Spanish study program can be as short as one week or as long as six months. http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/2318/2318index.html
- **International Health Central American Institute Foundation (IHCAI)** — Medical Spanish in Costa Rica <http://www.ihcai.org/>
- **Spanish for Medical** — <http://www.spanishformedical.com/About.php> Our Study Abroad program emphasizes and integrates both components via classroom exercises and the Immersion Method. Immersion Method is when a student is surrounded by nothing but culture. Also constantly speaking Spanish; from the local shops, markets, gyms, bars, restaurants, school, and the host families. Students find themselves applying their newly acquired skills on an everyday basis with appropriate feedback from their professors as

well as the people around them. This method allows the student to hone their abilities in a supportive and relaxed environment.

Cuba:

- **Global Exchange:** <http://www.globalexchange.org> has several tours related to Cuba including some Spanish language tours. OK, so it's not medical Spanish but it still looked cool if you are interested in Cuba! Some of the Reality Tours located at: <http://www.globalexchange.org/tours/index.html>

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International Congress on Natural and Traditional Medicine and Bio-energetic Medicine Jun. 20-30, 2002. This Natural Medicine conference is a unique opportunity to gain an understanding of Cuba's public health system, including its full integration of natural and traditional modalities on a scale unprecedented in the West, the significance of the Cuban model to other countries of the developing world, and how professionals from the developed world can work together with their Cuban counterparts to promote comprehensive universal health care world wide.

- **MEDICC** — has a 4 week program. Focus is an overview of the Cuban medical system with a medical Spanish component. Must be fairly proficient in Spanish since classes are taught without translation. <http://www.medicc.org>

Dominican Republic:

- **The Instituto Intercultural del Caribe (IIC)** — specializes in teaching Spanish to travelers who desire to combine a language learning experience with an exciting, intercultural experience in the Dominican Republic. http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/2508/2508index.html

Ecuador:

- **Academia de Espanol Quito** — specializes in teaching Spanish as a second language to foreign students. http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/2817/2817index.html
- **Academia Latinoamericana** — Quito one of the goals is to provide excellence in education with emphasis on grammar and vocabulary. http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/academia/academiaindex.html
- **"Acción Por El Futuro" or "Action For The Future"** — APF Languages is an organization based on hope and spirit. We believe in a new, dynamic Ecuador and are committed to intelligent globalization. APF contributes to the betterment of Ecuador and is helping the nation to meet the new millennium by creating opportunities and once in

life time experiences that allow interested persons to learn other languages and cultures while helping their fellow man. APF offers a variety of programs and service to its students. Some of these programs include: Spanish Immersion, Spanish and Volunteers, Spanish and Tours and Spanish Adventure. People can now come to our beautiful country to learn Medical Spanish, as well as volunteer work in the medical field. We arrange internships with hospitals in Quito as well as outside of the city. If the student decides to do their field work here in Quito, our recommendation is to divide the day between intensive Spanish classes and the work in the hospital. If you decide to do your work outside of the city we recommended that the students take at least one month of intensive Spanish courses here in Quito before beginning their practice. <http://www.apf-languages.com/english/mainframe.html>

- **Centers for Interamerican Studies (CEDEI)** program is a two-week intensive Spanish program located in Cuenca, Ecuador. It blends intensive Spanish with an in-depth view of healthcare in Latin America and is designed for medical students, nurses, physicians and assistants, and EMTs, who need to communicate effectively with Spanish-speaking patients.

The program includes 35 hours of formal classroom study, as well as 10 additional hours of lectures and visits to local hospitals, medical and nursing schools and other health providers. For example, during our last program, our students participated in a mobile surgery unit, had a demonstration of the ancient practice of shamanism, and were immersed in local culture and healthcare while living in the houses of medical professionals. The course is both short and intense, but can involve further field experience and/or rotations as we have many contacts here and can set up a wide variety of options for students. <http://www.cedei.org/cuenca/programs/spanish/medical/>

- **Estudio Internacional Sampere (EIS)** courses are taught with the same quality and individualized attention which distinguish EIS in Spain. Individual attention in small group and one-on-one settings. http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/cuenca/cuencaindex.html
- **Interhealth South America Summer Program** — a study tour introduction to South American primary and community health care, combined with medical Spanish language for first and second year medical students. The next sessions - one for Beginning Speakers: Session 1: June 12 July 9, 2005 and Session 2: July 10 August 6, 2005 ; and one for Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Speakers: TBA. For more information: Don Wedemeyer, MD, or Marta Alarcón, MD, Interhealth South America, 4202 E Fowler Ave, USF 30404, Tampa, FL 33620, 813-984-1645 (dwedemeyer@pol.net) <http://www.InterhealthSouthAmerica.net>
- **Sangay Medical Spanish Institute** — immersion and interactive program where premedical and medical students, resident doctors, and practitioners can fulfill their goal to master Medical Spanish. [http://www.cachamsi.com/course description](http://www.cachamsi.com/course%20description) (MSWord)

Guatemala:

- **La Asociacion Pop Wuj:** <http://www.pop-wuj.org/> : one-on-one instruction in Spanish while helping the people of Guatemala. Highly recommended by Doctors for Global Health. Four- Week Program 25 hours/week 1-on-1 informal instruction. The email is info@pop-wuj.org We have also added a special program for medical students and

providers, which can be accessed through the site or this link, <http://www.pop-wuj.org/medical/>

- **University of Nebraska Medical Center** — Medical Spanish/International Health Course Antigua and San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala <http://www.unmc.edu/isp>

Honduras:

- **Central American Spanish School (CASS)** offered in a group setting or on a one-on-one basis. http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/3709/3709index.html

Mexico:

- **Academia Falcon, A.C. Spanish Language Intitute:** learn Spanish in Old Mexico. Medical Terms
This course provides a great opportunity for foreign students to understand commonly used dialogues and phrases in a doctor's office, when you are doing a standard physical exam. Also you will learn technical vocabulary such as anatomy, body parts, internal organs, skeleton, ear, eye, and mouth. Also covered are illnesses, symptoms, descriptive terms, forms of medications, and dosages. Through a variety of dynamics such as role playing, you can study, practice and expand your vocabulary of medical terms. Also, if you want to take part in an internship, we can help you contact a Mexican doctor.
<http://www.academiafalcon.com/>
- **Cemanahuac Educational Community (EC)** offers strong academic programs of study of the Spanish language. http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/5027/5027index.html
- **Centro Bilingue** provides foreign students with the opportunity of studying Spanish while enjoying the cultural, social, and historical charm of the San Cristobal and its Maya surroundings. http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/5046/5046index.html
- **Cuernavaca Language School** — The CLS Medical Spanish Program is designed for beginning and intermediate Spanish speakers and it offers health professionals the opportunity to learn the Spanish language, the medical terminology and acquire cultural awareness. The program consists in three 50 minute periods of medical Spanish classes Monday through Friday, and cultural activities listed in the weekly school schedule. The course is offered using realistic situations and specialized vocabulary that health professionals need to have an effective communication with Hispanic patients in the course of their daily work. Personalized questions, grammar, exercises, anatomical diagrams, dialogue completions, role-plays, and realia-based activities provide students with numerous elements to apply, in a wide variety of practical contexts.
<http://cuernavacalanguageschool.com/>
- **Dunham Institute, Chiapa de Corzo, Chiapas** — <http://www.dunhaminstitute.com>
Other Spanish classes listed on web but Medical Spanish courses made by special arrangement only. Offer free accomodation with all courses. The first week is classroom, then the second week is a mix.
- **Instituto Cultural Oaxaca (ICO)** offering courses to students who wish to study in an environment which will enhance their understanding of the Spanish language. The Institute's language immersion program offers the opportunity to experience Mexican culture and understand it through the acquisition of Spanish.
http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/5038/5038index.html

- **Medical Spanish** : Located in San Miguel de Alende, and have a strong clinically based program with the Health Ministry, the Red Cross and the University of Guanajuato. We have had many medical students and can provide references.
<http://www.medspanish.com/>
- **Organización Lingüística de Español (O.L.E.)** has designed many practical and dynamic programs to learn Spanish which are opened to students of all levels, ages, and professional experience. Classes start every Monday, this allows students to study for as little as one week at a time or to continue with classes over a period of months.
http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/5039/5039index.html
- **Spanish Language School** – Guadalajara program is intensive, with no more than 6 students per class, and the tutor program can easily be adopted to individual needs.
http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/5041/5041index.html
- **Universidad Internacional** - Cuernavaca, also known as Center for Bilingual Multicultural Studies teaching intensive Spanish for foreign students whose knowledge of Spanish varies from beginning to advanced.
http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/5029/5029index.html

Peru:

- **don Quijote of Cuzco**, formally known as AMAUTA Spanish School, offers students customized programs at the level and pace especially suited to each individual's personal goals. http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/6400/6400index.html

Spain:

- **Centro de Lengua Intercambio Cultural (CLIC)** offers 8 levels of instruction: Beginner, Elementary, Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, Upper-Intermediate, Advanced, Superior, Proficiency. http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/7632/7632program.html
- **Estudio Internacional Sampere (EIS)** offers many starting dates throughout the year, special courses designed to fit each individual's needs, social activities, various types of accommodation and an endless number of "small" services.
http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/7636/7636index.html
- **Malaca Instituto** uses an integrated, communicative teaching system using Malaca's own books results in rapid progress. http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/7643/7643index.html
- **International House Barcelona** has grown into a major centre for language teaching, teacher training and related activities. http://www.nrcsa.com/nh_df/7651/7651index.html

Other Websites and Resources with Spanish Language course listings:

AmeriSpan specializes in Medical Spanish/Portuguese language immersion and educational travel programs throughout Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Chile, Guatemala, Peru, Mexico and Spain . We represent over 40 language schools in 15 countries all over the Spanish-speaking world and offer instruction for all levels of Spanish, from Beginners to Advanced speakers. <http://www.amerispan.com/salud>

American Medical Student Association (AMSA): International Health Action Group, lists of electives, courses, and study tours. <http://www.amsa.org/global/ih/>

Baja California Language College: <http://www.bajacal.com/>: offers an academic program for anyone wanting or needing to learn to communicate in Spanish.

Cross Cultural Encounters: offers Spanish language training for medical professionals with a special courses designed specifically for doctors, nurses and midwives working in the area of childbirth, obstetrics, gynecology, and woman's health. We are the only school that offers such specific training to perinatal professionals. We have courses in Puerto Rico, Mexico (beginning in 2003) and at various locations around the United States. Our URL is:

<http://www.crossculturalencounters.com>

The Institute for Spanish Language Studies: <http://www.isls.com/>

International Health Central American Institute: IHCAI is a non-profit foundation working for medical education, the development of health research and for the improvement of health in the communities of Central America.

It aims to provide a continuous and permanent medical education for health care providers and promotes access to health information for health care recipients. IHCAI is devoted to enhance research skills in primary care, and is oriented towards the knowledge based solutions health problem. IHCAI was originally created to foster international health opportunities for the exchange of knowledge and for transcultural experiences as a part of the medical education curriculum. <http://www.ihcai.org/programs.htm>

Language Link, Inc: Quality complete immersion Spanish language programs. No additional fees. Insurance and easy communication. <http://www.langlink.com/>

NRCSA Study Abroad Programs for Health Professionals

This site has info for several programs throughout Latin America especially for medical Spanish. (http://www.nrca.com/healthpros/healthpros_index.html)

Lists programs according to Most Popular Overall Among Health Care Professionals and Top Rated for Medical Vocabulary or Experiential.

RIOS ASSOCIATES has been successfully presenting its intensive Medical Language and Cultural Workshops throughout the United States since 1983, sponsored by the University of Arizona Rural Health Office, Public Health Service and the National Health Service Corps. This unique accelerated learning method is based upon the same concepts by which we learned our native tongue. A unique 4-day Intensive Workshop has been developed from this system, which is now being offered in several major cities in the Southwest and an 8 day course in La Paz, BCS, Mexico. <http://www.proespanol.com/>

Se Habla...La Paz, a Spanish language school, located in La Paz, Baja California Sur, México. We offer 2 excellent Spanish language curriculums: one, targeted for the student who wants to learn general/conversational Spanish; the second, tailored especially for the medical and dental professionals who need to learn the language and culture of the Hispanic population.

<http://www.sehablalapaz.com/>

SALUD : SALUD is a language learning program run by Amerispan

(<http://www.amerispan.com/salud/default.asp>) It gives medical students the opportunity to learn

Spanish, an important language to learn today, while learning at the same time of another country's medical system. Students are exposed to different cultural practices and traditions and also have opportunities to establish relationships with others with the shared goal of healing and serving those in the community.

SALUD MEDICAL TRAVEL PROGRAMS: Quito, Ecuador; Cuernavaca, Mexico; Antigua, Guatemala.

Spanish Abroad: http://www.spanishabroad.com/prog_medical.htm

Spanish Abroad, Inc. sets up both group and individual medical Spanish language programs. Options range from pre-arranged Spanish programs (open to groups and individuals) to customized Spanish programs. Our clients use these programs to meet academic requirements or to enable themselves to function more effectively in their work environment. Our programs are designed to allow the medical professional the ability to learn Spanish language skills necessary to communicate with patients. It is important to note that students do need to have a working knowledge of the language (be able to make sentences, etc.) in order to acquire Spanish for a particular field, such as medical Spanish.

Spanish Schools.org: the recognized market leader in in-country Spanish language immersion courses. With over ten years of experience dedicated solely to Spanish language instruction, we take personal pride in the education of thousands of students taking our courses every year.

<http://www.spanishschools.org/ss/index.asp>

Transitions Abroad: Language Schools.

<http://www.transabroad.com/listings/study/language/index.shtml>

University of Nebraska, International Studies Program: Medical Spanish/International Health Course

Antigua and San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala. Course dates online at: <http://www.unmc.edu/isp>