

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
First Sunday Afternoon
Monday – Friday
Tuesdays & Thursdays
Final Friday Evening
Final Saturday

Students arrive
Placement Test
Language classes - 20 hours per week
Cultural classes and activities 8 hours per week
Closing celebration
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.

2016 Program Dates

June:

Arrival day: Saturday, June 04 th.
Departure day: Saturday, June 18 th.

July:

Arrival day: Saturday, July 16 th.
Departure day: Saturday, July 30 th.

Program fees for 2016 sessions:

Program/Host family \$1,350.00 – This option is highly suggested for program attendees.

Program/Campus villas \$1,350.00 (this option does not include dinner).

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 dinner

Classes
Study materials
Internet Access

Cooking and dance classes
Language workbook and other cultural materials
Computer lab and Wi - Fi available in the campus school
and villas

Tour of the city
Internet access:

Learn about local attractions and points of interest
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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