

For Premed/Prehealth Students with Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced Spanish...

Spanish Immersion & Medical Shadowing (Premed/Prehealth Study Abroad in Latin America)

Travel Your Way to Fluency? We are looking for adventurous, adaptive and empathetic premed/prehealth students to leave the comforts of home behind and devote 4 (or more) weeks of summer vacation to learning Spanish & shadowing doctors overseas.



Spanish & Medicine students get instructions for afternoon shadowing rotations

Program Mission

“Did you know the USA has more Spanish speakers than Spain?”

(Only Mexico has more.)

The *Spanish & Medicine* study abroad program is carefully designed to help tomorrow’s healthcare professionals treat their future Spanish-speaking patients in their own language, safely and with cultural empathy.

While we understand the position *“immigrants should learn English before coming here,”* we support *“the need to meet patients in their current reality.”* (American Medical Association Journal of Ethics)

We believe it is more practical for one (relatively) privileged student to learn Spanish than for his or her hundreds of future patients to learn English.

“¿Sabía usted que Estados Unidos tiene más hispanohablantes que España?”

(Sólo México tiene aún más).

El programa de estudios de Español y Medicina en el extranjero está cuidadosamente diseñado para ayudar a los profesionales de la salud del mañana a tratar a sus futuros pacientes de habla hispana en su propio idioma, de forma segura y con empatía cultural.

Si bien entendemos la posición de que “los inmigrantes deberían aprender inglés antes de venir para acá”, apoyamos “la necesidad de llegarles a los pacientes en su realidad actual”. (Revista de Ética de la Asociación Médica Estadounidense)

Consideramos más práctico que un solo estudiante (relativamente) privilegiado aprenda español, a que sus cientos de futuros pacientes aprendan inglés.

Rather than merely “blame shifting” the source of the *language gap crisis* in American healthcare, students who join us intend to be part of the solution.

Los estudiantes que se unen a nosotros quieren ser parte de la solución a la crisis de la brecha del lenguaje en la atención médica estadounidense, en lugar de simplemente "correr la culpa" del problema.

Who is eligible for the program?

Participating students must have...

- **One Year Prehealth/Premed Studies** You must have completed (at least) a full year of qualified college level studies before the program start date
- **Culturally Adaptability** You need the ability to adapt to an environment where the language (and customs) are different from back home
- **Willingness to “Go Without”** You will need to leave some of the comforts of home behind and adjust to a less developed region
- **Strong Sense of Independence** You will be thousands of miles away from your usual support network of friends and family
- **Genuine Desire to Learn (and Use) Spanish** We have a limited number of spots and need to reserve them exclusively for students whose plans align with our mission
- **Flexible Attitude** Latin American schedules are less stable than you may be used to and you will need to “go with the flow” when unexpected last-minute changes occur

Los estudiantes participantes deben tener...

- **Un año de estudios de presalud/premedicina** Usted debe haber realizado (al menos) un año completo de estudios a nivel universitario en un programa presalud antes de que comience el programa
- **Adaptabilidad Cultural** Necesita la capacidad de adaptarse a un entorno donde el idioma (y las costumbres) son diferentes a los que hay en su casa
- **Disposición a prescindir de cosas** Tendrá que dejar atrás algunas de las comodidades de su hogar
- **Fuerte sentido de independencia** Estarás a miles de kilómetros de su red de apoyo habitual de amigos y familiares
- **Deseo genuino de aprender (y usar) el español** Tenemos un número limitado de cupos, y necesitamos reservarlos exclusivamente para estudiantes cuyos planes se alineen con nuestra misión.
- **Actitud Flexible** Los horarios en Latinoamérica son menos estables de lo que puede estar acostumbrado, y tendrá que "dejarse llevar" con algunos cambios de última hora



NOTE: Advanced Spanish is NOT Required.

Students join us at beginner, intermediate, or advanced levels.

Spanish & Medicine at a Glance..

Three main components are Spanish course, medical shadowing, and community.

1) Spanish Course Small group (max 7 students) classes so you have much more conversational practice than in a typical college lecture environment. Each 4-week block is equivalent to (more than) a university semester course.

2) Medical Shadowing Observational rotations in real South American clinics and hospitals. Absorb both the language expressions and the cultural differences. Meets AACP requirements.

3) Community The shared experience with similarly minded students helps form a tight-knit group that stays in touch long after the program ends.

Los tres componentes principales son un curso de español, seguimiento médico y comunidad.

***1) Curso de Español Clases** en grupo pequeño (máximo 7 estudiantes) para que tenga mucha más práctica conversacional que en un ambiente típico de clase magistral universitaria. Cada bloque de 4 semanas equivale a (más de) un curso semestral universitario.*

***2) Seguimiento Médico** Rotaciones de observación en verdaderas clínicas y hospitales de América del Sur. Absorba tanto las expresiones del lenguaje como las diferencias culturales. Cumple con los requisitos de AACP.*

***3) Comunidad** La experiencia compartida con estudiantes de similares opiniones ayuda a desarrollar un grupo unido que se mantiene en contacto.*

IMPORTANT: What Spanish & Medicine is not...

Many “study abroad” programs are glorified vacations, a chance to fill social media feeds with “selfies” and “check ins” that give friends at home “travel envy.”

Spanish & Medicine is different.

Between the Spanish classes (small groups where you need to show up) and the shadowing assignments you will not have lots of free time.

That said...despite the challenges it can be one of life’s greatest experiences.

Just don’t expect a leisure trip.

Language Gap Crisis in USA Healthcare

Authorities from around the country speak to the shortage of Spanish-speaking professionals to meet the needs of America's demographic realities

"The schedules of physicians fluent in Spanish are always full as opposed to the doctors who only speak English."

"Doctors must face today's demographic realities. A Spanish-speaking doctor fills a critical nationwide gap – opening the doors of communication between doctor and patient."

American Medical Association Journal of Ethics

"Working in Washington Heights and going to Columbia, you need to speak Spanish."

Dr. Christopher Kellner, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital

Most Spanish Speakers by State

(Source: American Community Survey)

1.	California	9,696,638
2.	Texas	6,543,702
3.	Florida	3,406,460
4.	New York	2,611,903
5.	Illinois	1,516,674
6.	Arizona	1,202,638
7.	New Jersey	1,193,261
8.	Georgia	651,583
9.	North Carolina	598,756
10.	Colorado	542,016
11.	New Mexico	532,506
12.	Pennsylvania	486,058
13.	Nevada	480,321
14.	Washington	477,566
15.	Virginia	470,058
16.	Massachusetts	458,256
17.	Maryland	345,308
18.	Connecticut	340,274
19.	Oregon	304,631
20.	Michigan	273,981
21.	Indiana	262,198
22.	Ohio	233,819
23.	Wisconsin	229,651
24.	Utah	223,687
25.	Tennessee	213,452

Fastest Growing Latino Populations

(Source: Babbel Magazine)

1.	South Dakota	+190%
2.	Tennessee	+176%
3.	South Carolina	+172%
4.	Alabama	+164%
5.	Kentucky	+154%
6.	Arkansas	+141%
7.	North Dakota	+141%
8.	Maryland	+141%
9.	North Carolina	+136%
10.	Virginia	+120%

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Dr. Asma Jafri, Riverside County Regional Medical Center, Moreno Valley, CA

"They're embarrassed and scared. They don't want to be a bother."

Although Hispanics represent 14% of the country, only 5% of all physicians practicing in the United States are fluent in Spanish. Many patients find it awkward to communicate through a translator, or to question a doctor's recommendation when it's in a language they don't speak.

"They're embarrassed and scared. They don't want to be a bother."

~ Dr. Gloria Sanchez, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

"About one-third of the hospital's patients speak Spanish as a first language."

NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, Dr. Mark Pecker

"The research indicates it is not just the big experiences of discrimination, like being passed over for a job or not getting a promotion that someone felt they might have been entitled to. But

the day-to-day little indignities affect health: being treated with less courtesy than others, being treated with less respect than others, receiving poorer service at restaurants or stores. Research finds that persons who score high on those kinds of experiences, if you follow them over time, you see more rapid development of coronary heart disease. Research finds that pregnant women who report high levels of discrimination give birth to babies who are lower in birth weight."

*Dr. David Williams, Harvard professor
(source: NPR interview)*

“Patients want a physician who speaks their language well enough to supply excellent care.”

“Language barriers are associated with lower patient comprehension, satisfaction, and trust in physicians, and often, worse clinical outcomes. For clinicians, language barriers can invoke dread, with visions of wasted time, communication frustration, and increased difficulty in providing high-quality care. Finally, patient safety suffers when language barriers impede easy communication...Patients want a physician who speaks their language well enough to supply excellent care. “

National Institute of Health

Most Common Native Languages

(Source: Babel Magazine)

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| 1. | Mandarin | 917 (million) |
| 2. | Spanish | 460 |
| 3. | English | 379 |
| 4. | Hindi | 341 |
| 5. | Arabic | 315 |
| 6. | Bengali | 228 |
| 7. | Portugues | 220 |
| 8. | Russian | 153 |
| 9. | Japanese | 128 |
| 10. | Lahnda | 118 |

All things being equal, she has found that patients prefer to deal with a doctor who can speak their language or who understands their culture and background. Kormeili agrees.

Language becomes a common bond that benefits both doctor and patient."

Jacqueline Sutura, DPM, a surgical podiatrist in private practice in midtown Manhattan

Spanish-speaking patients whose primary healthcare provider did not speak Spanish were less likely to take medication as directed

“I find that a lot of patients don’t feel comfortable communicating with a provider that doesn’t speak Spanish because they don’t like to bring an interpreter into the room,” explained Dr. Victor Dominguez, family practice physician at the Centers for Family Health in Santa Paula, California. “There are privacy issues associated with that.”

Communication barriers can have serious consequences for health, including misdiagnosis, inappropriate medication, and mistrust. In one study, Spanish-speaking patients whose primary healthcare provider did not speak Spanish were less likely to take medication as directed, less likely to keep follow-up appointments, and more likely to use emergency departments for routine care.

U.S. National Library of Medicine

“Miscommunication is a huge safety risk”

“Many medical centers recognize the need for bilingual doctors. The fallout from language barriers between doctors and patients sometimes leads to patients getting the wrong diagnosis, treatments or medications”

Dr. Joseph D. Tucker, Harvard Medical School

“The Hispanic population in Durham has tripled, maybe quadrupled since I came in 1995,” she said. “Most of it had consisted of people from Mexico. What’s changed in the past five years is that now I’m seeing a great number of Central Americans, people from El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala,

countries where before we never would we see anyone.”

Beatriz Morris, assistant professor of pediatrics, has practiced at the Duke Health Center

Miscommunication is a huge safety risk. As the number of Spanish-speaking patients increase, hospitals and health systems need to address language barriers to ensure that medical errors and Never Events do not result.

AMN Healthcare Education Services

Dr. Faustina Nevarez, an obstetrician at Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center, said that internal studies by Kaiser had shown that Spanish-speaking patients were more successful controlling their diabetes, depression and blood pressure when they were able to consult with Spanish-speaking doctors.

" With all the demands on doctors — we only have about 15 minutes with a patient — to not have to take the extra step of a phone translation is huge."

In focus groups conducted for a 2009 analysis, most Spanish-speaking patients at Kaiser Permanente Southern California said that they had English-speaking doctors and that they understood “approximately half” of what their doctors told them.

Many worried about misinterpreting physician instructions.

Los Angeles Times

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Spanish Speakers by Country*

**millions (Source: Spanish Language Domains)*

1.	Mexico	111
2.	USA	51
3.	Spain	46
4.	Colombia	45
5.	Argentina	41
6.	Venezuela	29
7.	Peru	26
8.	Chile	17
9.	Ecuador	14
10.	Guatemala	12
11.	Cuba	11
12.	Dominican Republic	10
13.	Bolivia	9
14.	Honduras	8
15.	Morocco	7

“It should be a required part of providing high-quality health care”

“Good communication is essential for every medical encounter, whether you are talking about a visit for a rash or someone who is in the ICU,”

“We know from extensive literature that language barriers affect access to care, health status, use of health services, patient/physician communication, satisfaction with care, quality and safety—it really spans the spectrum in terms of the impact.”

Glenn Flores, Chair of Health Policy Research, Medica Research Institute in Minneapolis.

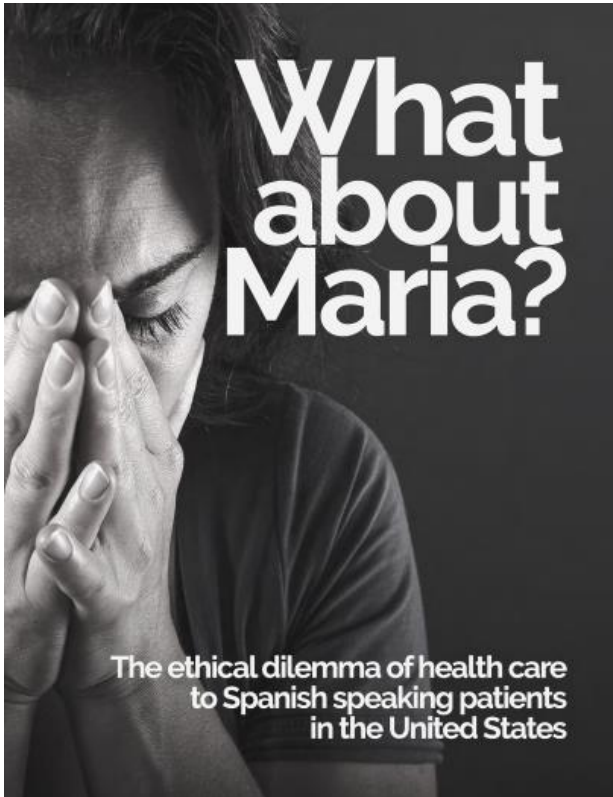
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Mara Youdelman, National Health Law Program

What About Maria? (excerpt)

The ethical dilemma of health care to Spanish speaking patients in the United States



Hey Doc, What About Maria?

Well, what about Maria?

Why should her story matter to you?

I could tell you, but Maria's had enough of people speaking for her.

Here it is in her own words:

Hello, my name is Maria, and I came here with my late husband nearly forty years ago. He spoke good English, and as I was at home with the children there didn't seem much point in me learning as we didn't really have any interaction with anyone

outside of our community. I could manage enough to shop and so on, but that was it.

Then he died. Very suddenly. I had no time to prepare myself, and suddenly I had to go out to work – at one time, I was working three jobs and catching up on sleep in restrooms between shifts.

My eldest was nearly 13 by this time, so old enough to deal with anything I didn't understand. He grew up fast. Too fast. I wanted to go to classes and learn English properly, but there wasn't the time. I tried to do a bit by myself, but I felt ashamed, reading books meant for children.

I'm getting older now and I'm wearing out – the result of years on my knees scrubbing floors and drinking endless cups of coffee to stay awake.

I should see the doctor more often than I do – I know there are things wrong that I should speak to someone about, but just as I was ashamed trying to learn English from a child's book, I'm ashamed to visit the doctor.

I'm not treated well; I'm spoken to like I'm stupid when I'm spoken to at all (and I finished school, thank you very much!), and I need to take my eldest son with me to interpret.

That's doubly embarrassing; the fact that I need to ask him to take time away from

work, and that he might have to hear about women's problems. He's not good with that.

Nor am I.

I also have issues with how the doctor speaks to me, when I'm spoken to at all – they either start speaking very loudly and slowly, as if that's going to help, or in an effort to make a difference (and please don't think I don't know they are at least trying), they will get out their smartphone and call up a translation app.

Those things are great if you're out shopping or something, but they don't have medical vocabulary as a rule, which leaves both of us feeling short-changed and frustrated.

I should get help with my arthritis; I'm totally reliant on over the counter analgesics and they don't touch the sides any longer.

The menopause wasn't much fun for me either, but can you imagine getting your son to translate hot flashes and missed periods to your doctor?

I suffered in silence. There are other things I'd like to talk through too; I suspect my blood pressure is quite high, and I'm thirsty all the time. The thing is, though, even if I did visit the doctor and get some treatment, how would I understand how to take the drugs?

And if I ended up taking lots of things, how would I know if they were safe to take together, or even with something I might buy over the counter?

I'm scared. It's not easy for me to say that, but I am. Couldn't doctors meet me halfway?

It wouldn't take much; a little conversational Spanish to make me feel human, and medical terms to reassure me. I would like that.

Maria might be fictional, but she isn't unusual. For a minority group that makes up approximately 15% of the US population – a figure that is likely to double over the next 30 years – the Hispanic and Latino community are poorly-served by the medical community.

Although proportionally younger as a group than the rest of the population as a whole, they have specific health concerns; a greater percentage are obese, and present with related health and lifestyle concerns.

Many of these health issues could be treated by appropriate communication between medic and patient, but there's the problem – they are literally speaking a different language.

Around 50% of the total immigrant population has limited proficiency in English – problematic if a patient presents at hospital with chest pain, and neither patient nor ER doctor have enough of the other's language to work out whether it's indigestion or a massive heart attack.

The ***What About Maria?*** social awareness booklet is part of the *Spanish & Medicine* program info kit, which you can get at www.PrehealthAbroad.com

8 Ways Spanish & Medicine Study Abroad Helps You

Our goal is to prepare you for success in America's Spanish-speaking demographic realities, but the benefits don't end there.

Students typically name these aspects as the most impactful:

1. Massive Spanish Improvement

You won't struggle just to make "baby steps" like your typical high school or college language class.

The main differences are (1) a "360 degrees of Spanish" environment, (2) small classes for lots of conversation practice, and (3) the chance to use your new skills the very same day you learn them.

All three give you an accelerated path to Spanish fluency (*and all the benefits that come with it*).

2. Medical Shadowing Experience

Your time in clinics and hospitals gives you a rare "triple use of time" (observing professionals, absorbing Spanish, developing cultural empathy) as you experience South American healthcare firsthand.

Many students report an "eye opener" when seeing patient needs met despite limited resources compared to American counterparts.



Students get ready to shadow at a clinic.

Nuestro objetivo es prepararlo para el éxito en las realidades demográficas de habla hispana de Estados Unidos, pero los beneficios no terminan ahí.

Por lo general, los estudiantes nombran estos aspectos como los más impactantes:

1. Mejora marcada de su español

No luchará para apenas dar "pasos de bebé" como en la típica clase de secundaria o clase de idiomas de la universidad.

Recibe el impulso adicional de (1) un entorno de "español en 360 grados", (2) clases pequeñas para tener mucha práctica de conversación, y (3) el uso de sus nuevas habilidades el mismo día que las aprende.

Las tres diferencias se combinan para presentar un camino acelerado hacia la fluidez (y todos los beneficios que esta trae).

2. Experiencia de seguimiento médico

Su tiempo en clínicas y hospitales le ofrece un poco común "triple uso del tiempo" (observar profesionales, absorber español, desarrollar empatía cultural) mientras experimenta de primera mano la atención médica en Suramérica.

Muchos estudiantes reportan que fue una experiencia que les "abrió los ojos" cuando ven que los hospitales y clínicas satisfacen con éxito las necesidades de los pacientes a pesar de los recursos limitados en comparación con sus homólogos estadounidenses.

3. Notas académicas

Cada bloque de cuatro semanas le hace ganar los créditos equivalentes a un curso universitario.

Algunos estudiantes los usan para obtener un título de pregrado, mientras que otros los guardan para usarlos para los requisitos de la

3. Academic Transcript

Each four-week block earns you the equivalent credits of a college course.

Some students use them toward an undergraduate degree, while others save them for graduate school requirements or as a stand-alone credential.

4. Personal Growth

The experience extends beyond the “on paper” benefits. After joining us in South America, you may find increased self-confidence and leadership.

You will have proven to yourself that you can succeed in a place where you are surrounded by people speaking a different language and with a different way of life.

And of course, the stories you bring back can make you a more interesting person, whether at social gatherings or during critical interviews.

5. Latinx Cultural Empathy

Not only do you learn faster in *your 360 degrees of Spanish* environment, you also “live like a local” for first-hand cultural experiences, so you understand where your future patients are coming from.

6. Network of New Friends

Most of our students show up alone, without knowing anyone else in the whole country.

That initial loneliness transforms into tight friendships very quickly, as you experience the ups and downs of life abroad together.

7. Signal Your Values

Sacrificing a significant part of summer break to learning Spanish and shadowing doctors sends a clear signal:

escuela de posgrado. También puede ser una credencial independiente.

4. Crecimiento personal

La experiencia se extiende más allá de los beneficios "en el papel". Después de unirse a nosotros en Suramérica, puede que se convierta en alguien más seguro y en un mejor líder.

Se habrá demostrado a sí mismo que puede tener éxito en un lugar donde está rodeado de personas que hablan un idioma diferente y que llevan una forma de vida diferente.

Y, por supuesto, las historias que trae consigo al regresar pueden convertirlo en una persona más interesante, ya sea en reuniones sociales o durante entrevistas críticas.

5. Empatía cultural Latinx

No sólo llega a aprender más rápido en su entorno de español en todas partes, también "vive como una persona local" y se trae esa experiencia de vuelta consigo, ayudándole a entender la mentalidad de sus futuros pacientes.

6. Nueva red de Amigos

La mayoría de nuestros estudiantes llegan solos, sin conocer a nadie más en todo el país. Esa soledad inicial se transforma en amistades cercanas muy rápidamente, a medida que experimentan juntos los altibajos de la vida en el extranjero.



Small classes encourage lots of participation without feeling intimidated.

You are committed to helping a part of your community that many ignore, something that shows your values in a way your GPA or test scores cannot.

We recommend keeping a travel journal to use as a basis for your personal statement on important future applications.

8. Hiatus from Normal Life

An extended time abroad gives you a much-deserved break from the stresses of college life.

New surroundings, new food, new friends, and new music all contribute to a reinvigorating “living in the now” pause that we all need now and then.



Weekend group trip to the coast.

7. Señale sus valores

Sacrificar una parte importante de sus vacaciones de verano para aprender español y hacer seguimiento a médicos envía una señal clara:

Usted está comprometido a ayudar a una parte de su comunidad a la cual muchos ignoran, algo que demuestra sus valores de una manera que no pueden hacerlo su GPA ni sus resultados en las pruebas.

Recomendamos mantener un diario de viajes para usarlo como base para un escrito personal para futuras solicitudes.

8. Pausa de la vida normal

Un tiempo prolongado en el extranjero le da un descanso muy merecido de las tensiones de la vida universitaria.

Un nuevo entorno, una nueva comida, nuevos amigos, nueva música, etc. contribuyen a una revigorante pausa de "vivir en el presente" que todos necesitamos de vez en cuando.

Spanish & Medicine Study Abroad Info Kit

Resources to help plan your experience in Latin America

- **Main Details** Dates, tuition, photos, intro to shadowing director, program overview.
- **Student Interviews** Collection of students who volunteered their time to sit down and share their advice so you can have an optimal program.
- **Teacher Profiles** Intros from many of the Spanish instructors.
- **Fluency Forecaster** Answer a series of questions (not a Spanish quiz) to estimate how long it will take you to reach various Spanish goals.

Access Free Program Info Kit at www.PrehealthAbroad.com

Lo que dicen nuestros estudiantes...

Feedback and advice from college students who have joined us to learn Spanish and/or shadow doctors in Latin America. You can watch “student spotlight videos” at

www.SpanishAndMedicine.com

This program was honestly awesome. It was my first time out of the country, I had no idea what to expect, what I was going to be doing. But when I got here, everybody was so supportive and I feel like I learned Spanish very well.

Riley Berrysford

[University of Nevada, Reno](#)

Something I really enjoyed was my time in the clinics and hospitals. I saw a lot of really cool things like surgeries with a gastroenterologist. I wish I could stay longer.

Nia Mitchell

[Georgia State University](#)

It's the best of both worlds. You're challenged academically and you get to see the country. The group support made being away from home for nine weeks a lot easier.

Charlie Yu

[New York University](#)

People there just seem overall a little less stressed and just happier. It was really refreshing. I definitely feel that I've taken some of that back with me. I'm happier as a person.

Shivani Patel

[Cal State Fullerton](#)

I had taken a lot of Spanish classes in high school and college, but nothing is like coming to a country and being fully immersed in the culture. You are just constantly learning and taking in information.

Gretchen Haws

[University of Tennessee Knoxville](#)

My favorite part of shadowing is meeting the Chilean patients. It's been wonderful getting to know them and talking to them about their lives, and where they're from. I love that part. And they are so patient with my Spanish.

Rayana Bonnell

[Loyola Marymount University](#)

My experience in Chile has been incredible because I've learned a lot about myself and grown a lot as a person. I loved the teachers and the classes. Everybody here is so kind. I definitely feel more comfortable speaking Spanish now. I don't feel scared to make mistakes because that's how you learn.

Sophia Khalaji

[University of Utah](#)

I loved the time I spent in Buenos Aires. When I first arrived, I was extremely nervous. High school and college Spanish didn't teach me enough. I think that classroom Spanish is a great start, but it's necessary to travel. I would recommend this to everyone!

Obiefuna Nwaedozie

[SUNY Geneseo](#)

I learned about Latin American culture, my vocabulary is much better now and shadowing doctors was fascinating. The doctors were really nice, they answered our questions and explained everything that was happening during the session.

Joceline Cardenas

[Xavier University of Louisiana](#)

My Spanish is a lot better now. I came here and basically didn't know anything and now I can hold a conversation with my host mom and get around. I loved it. I've met so many good friends and I'm really sad to leave.

Karissa Simchick

[University of Texas at Austin](#)

My shadowing experience has been really valuable. I've learned a lot from the doctors that I've been with and they've been incredibly kind. I have learned about a different medical system, more vocabulary and how to speak with patients.

Carmen Bango

[Williams College](#)

My time here has taught me that I can follow all of my dreams. I could not have picked a better institution. The professors take care of the students, and they know when you're having a bad day and give advice for any situation.

Caryn Jackson

[Central Methodist University](#)

I came here with essentially no Spanish, and I'm leaving a lot more confident in my language skills.

Spencer Ferguson

[Virginia Tech](#)

I really like Chile. It's a very nice country with really good food. I shadowed three different doctors, they were really nice and it is an experience that I never had in the United States.

Irene Van Oosbree

[University of San Diego](#)

I had doubts at first about coming, and I didn't know if a month would be too long, but now I see there's so much to do that a month isn't long enough.

Amangeline Jalbuena

[University of Houston](#)

I have loved every minute here in Chile. I've learned a lot about the language and about the medical system. All the doctors here are super welcoming and always willing to help you.

Brooke Wallace

[University of Connecticut](#)

I was pleasantly surprised to find such a warm community. I've made some lifelong friends.

Lee Ann Song

[Harvard University](#)

I thought it was going to be so bad, but it ended up being one of the best experiences of my life.

Kate McMurray

[UMass Amherst](#)

The Spanish and Medicine program was really an amazing experience. I didn't have any Spanish experience at all when I came and by the time I left, I could speak and understand a significant amount

Lisa Wang

[Northwestern University](#)

Before coming here, I couldn't really speak any Spanish, but after studying here, I really have to say that it's vastly improved. The school was great. The teachers are excellent.

Jonathan Lorentzen

[George Washington University](#)

The knowledge and experience I gained while shadowing was not only eye-opening but also increased my confidence both in speaking Spanish as well as working in a health-care environment.

Tess Hanson

[University of Nebraska](#)

I find it really interesting when a person can think and speak in two languages.

That's my goal.

Kera Tasker

[Dixie State](#)

I had never been out of the country before. It has been absolutely amazing. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Megan Deeley

[Ohio State University](#)

With the medical and conversational background, I came away with a very good, very rich base of vocabulary. The experience really opened my eyes to the possibilities of being a Spanish-speaking doctor.

Derek Spath

[University at Buffalo](#)

I had a one of a kind experience in Chile. The food is amazing, the school is amazing, my classmates from all over the United States are amazing, the teachers are even better, so it's great. I studied Spanish for three years in high school, but the classroom is not the same as the real world. So being here has given me a really good real-world experience with Spanish.

Madison Snell

[Texas Tech University](#)

The teachers really know what they are doing and they care about you. It's been an amazing experience to be here and learn Spanish and make such great friends.

Brenna Lutz

[Brigham Young University-Idaho](#)

While shadowing I saw a lot of different specialties. I was in gastro, I worked in a hematology lab, I followed obstetrics, general medicine, emergency and infectious disease so I kind of tried to get a broad view of everything. I tried each specialty at least once.

Emily Swafford

[University of Miami](#)

I've had an awesome time here. The teachers were fantastic. I learned a ton of Spanish every single day and I could definitely tell a difference going from knowing no Spanish to being able to get around in the city a lot better because the teachers were so good.

Clayton Long

[Iowa State University](#)

I got to know a lot of medical Spanish but also got to understand more about medicine in general...seeing children in a sanatorium; it was kind of hard to stomach at first, but it was really beautiful to see the patient care that they gave them.

Emma Baccus

[Cedarville University](#)

I came for two months because I wanted to learn more Spanish and to be immersed in the culture. I was able to not only greatly improve my language skills but also have a fabulous time with a lot of great people here.

Mitchell Saures

[University of Pennsylvania](#)

One of my career goals is helping underprivileged communities medically, specifically with a lot of Latin American residents, so going to South America to see how their healthcare works was a big plus.

Gary Huang

[Washington University in St. Louis](#)

At the beginning I was very intimidated and made many mistakes, which was actually a good thing for learning. By

the end of it I was extremely confident in speaking Spanish.

Joseph Brewster

[University of Texas at Austin](#)

I've loved everything about it...the teachers, the school, everything. Everyone's been really awesome.

Marlana Malerich

[St. Mary's California](#)

It was just eye-opening to see these hospitals and people just doing the best they can with what they have and just realizing that not everyone is entitled to same level of care that we have in the United States. I got to see some really interesting things like tuberculosis and some other infectious diseases that we just don't have.

Justine Dale

[Nevada Reno](#)

I'm so glad I came. My Spanish speaking and listening skills have improved so much.

Mawiya Patten

[UNC Chapel Hill](#)

Working with these kids helped gear me towards working as a pediatrician. I would like to go back and visit the same clinics and continue helping because we are so fortunate here in the U.S. Going there just made me realize that we need to let go and help out and volunteer.

Karla Atcheson

[Allegheny College](#)

We had to fend for ourselves and we were actually communicating with native Spanish speakers. I went back and told my teachers. I was so excited and I was speaking like a native and she was really proud of me.

Kia Stern

[Xavier University of Louisiana](#)

I was a little nervous at first because I didn't know what to expect. But everybody's super friendly and I feel free to make a fool of myself all the time and that's nice, because that's necessary for learning.

Hannah Warner

[College of Marin](#)

I really liked that it had the combination of Spanish and learning about medicine.

Everyone at school was super nice and my classes were really fun and there wasn't anything that really made me uncomfortable about being in a foreign country, which is kind of crazy but it was awesome.

Matthew Neumann

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

I've had an amazing time here and I'd do it again one hundred percent. It's been fantastic.

Tucker Davis

University of Mississippi

I was very on-the-fence when I first heard about this program, but I took a leap of faith and just trusted that it would all work out. It's very important to take these opportunities while we're young and have the time. I don't have a single regret from the trip. And you make memories that last a lifetime and fall in love with a new culture.

Matthew Rossler

Calvin College

We went to volunteer at different hospitals. It was a good overall experience and just seeing how things work and seeing what it's like over there for the doctor and the patients. It makes you see that you can't take things for granted here because we have so many luxuries that they don't have.

Vanna Ramirez

Skidmore College

It's something I will never forget and wish I could have spent more than just a month there because it certainly wasn't enough. I must say it was the time of my life and I learned and saw things I never dreamed of!

Sherlyl Berkowitz

SUNY Albany

The Spanish & Medicine program allowed me to learn firsthand about healthcare in South America. I had an absolutely life-changing experience.

Nicole McManus

University of Florida

When I'm here I learn a lot of Spanish...many new words...and things about the culture of Latin America..

Gunja Shah

MCPHS

I love the school. It was such a good experience for me. I really feel like I can finally converse in Spanish. I recommend it to everybody.

Emily Conlon

SUNY Albany

It really helped me understand how medicine works in countries other than the United States.

Ishan Patel

Rice University

I want to learn Spanish to be able to help more people in the United States, where a lot of people speak Spanish.

Ashley Orshoski

University of North Carolina

I want to go into medicine, so learning to speak Spanish will be very beneficial.

Lindsay Cash

University of South Florida

I came to Chile not knowing anything about the country, but I've had a phenomenal time here.

Kawena Warren

Northwest Nazarene University

I want to be a pediatrician and it's important that I can speak Spanish. I live close to Mexico where a lot of people only speak Spanish and if I can't understand them, I can't help their kids

Idalis Rivera-Ramirez

University of California, Riverside

I have never met, here or elsewhere, so many amazing people. I wish I could take you all back to Mississippi with me.

Lauren Tice

Mississippi State University

There are tons of opportunities for shadowing nurses and doctors in different fields.

Phaedra Saxon

Mills College

I have taken lots of Spanish before, and I am here to improve my hearing and speaking.

Jared Imber

Tulane University

I wanted to learn how to speak Spanish and improve my speaking ability, and also just wanted to immerse myself in

the culture. The professors here are amazing. I feel they really want you to learn. They're really invested in your process and helping you grow.

John Bonacoursu

Pomona College

I don't have similar opportunities in the States, but here I've watched surgeries and shadowed doctors.

Irene Yan

Louisiana State University

This is my first trip out of the country, so the culture was a bit of a shock, but it's been very enjoyable. My Spanish improved more than any class in school. The teachers are enthusiastic and engaged.

Jordan Daniel

University of Houston

I got to shadow doctors and watch surgeries. The teachers here are super welcoming and super funny. We have a great time in class, laughing, talking, and most importantly learning Spanish since we talk and practice all the time. I love it and recommend it to anyone.

Joao Neto

Western Washington University

The doctors are really helpful. They let you see things and then explain what is going on.

Sierra Knighton

University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

I had no idea what to expect and was nervous, but the people were so welcoming and so nice. They are so patient and kind and they took their time with me trying to help me understand the language

Adora Mack

Buffalo State University

I learned lots of medical terminology and in the future will be able to speak with my patients in Spanish.

Zan Ahmad

New York University

I never thought I would learn so much. The professors are some of the nicest and most supportive people you will ever meet.

Erin Kizer

University of California, San Diego

I talked with a bunch of doctors and nurses and the medical shadowing was really helpful.

Caitlin Yarusso

[Regis University](#)

I took 6 years of Spanish in high school and university. But then I didn't use it, so part of why I came here was to get over my nerves of Speaking with native speakers, to get to the point where I can speak more rapidly, more comfortably, and it's helping a lot.

Dianna Black

[University of Texas, Dallas](#)

I got to see some surgeries and consultations with Dr. Safron who was very helpful.

Chase Hungerford

[CSU Long Beach](#)

Learn to just talk to people in Spanish here, because it is an opportunity very rare to have in the US. We have classes in the morning and then you can go out and practice exactly what you learned. It is such a great opportunity.

Grace Maloney

[University of Illinois](#)

I've had a great time down here. I've learned a lot of Spanish and there's been a lot of cool activities to do with all the people as well.

Levi Mellen

[Southern Methodist University](#)

I have a lot of time ahead of me to study medicine but I decided to take this summer to travel to South America and learn some Spanish. I chose to try and immerse myself in the culture and learn Spanish, eventually for my patients because of a large minority of the population in Colorado and California, where I hope to practice, that are Spanish speaking.

Kate Balazy

[Harvard University](#)

The class has been fabulous, and the teachers are very encouraging. I've definitely improved upon my Spanish. I was even able to travel by myself by bus to Cusco, something I never thought I could do.

Rachel Kiliany

[UNC Wilmington](#)

The professors are so nice and so helpful and they encourage you to speak Spanish whenever you can and not having that fear that comes with learning a new language. I really like the school because everybody is so involved and everyone is so nice and encourage you to participate in all the activities.

Sarah Kagan

[Ventura College](#)

I'm interested in learning some medical terminology for professional reasons. Our professor brings us articles to read all in Spanish, and we read them and discuss them. It's more of a conversational class than I guess a grammatical class.

Mae Gillepsie

[Rhodes College](#)

Classes are in small groups so you have lots of time to speak with the teachers and other students.

Rebecca Arteaga

[Columbia University](#)

This is the longest time I've been away from home and I can't imagine being anywhere else. The community is great and the teachers really focus on the most important things about learning a language. It's a completely different experience than what I would be doing studying back home.

Daniel Lee

[North Carolina State](#)

I really wanted to see how the healthcare system is in another country and I really wanted the immersive Spanish experience to learn the language, because textbooks are like "this is the sentence structure." I wanted to know how to speak.

Kendall Dunn

[University of Texas, Austin](#)

Here everyone becomes friends almost immediately. We all go out after class and we support each other.

David Peters

[SUNY Albany](#)

My experience here has been amazing, I've learned a lot, my Spanish has improved immensely and I got to do a lot of cool shadowing. I saw three surgeries: a gastric bypass, gastric

sleeve removal and gallbladder, they were all fascinating.

Robert Malik

[College of Charleston](#)

The classes are very small, which works out really well because you spend a lot of time speaking and having someone correct you when you're making mistakes. It's not like you're sitting down doing grammar exercises. Santiago's a great city. It's a lot like New York. The Metro is super easy to use and it's great for getting around.

Kelly McKay

[University of Minnesota](#)

Shadowing is a great opportunity to follow these amazing doctors with different backgrounds. I followed one in geriatrics and a gastroenterologist. The doctors are very nice and considerate. They understand we don't know much Spanish so they try to help us and ask us what we understand and what we don't. The patients are also very kind.

Viral Jodhani

[University of California, Davis](#)

I learned more here in three weeks than I learned in two years of studying Spanish in Ohio. I came here by myself for the first time leaving the country. It's definitely scary at first and takes some getting used to, but it was definitely worth everything I loved it. I practiced speaking Spanish for the first time because in my university we didn't really do that.

Alysha Werstiuk

[Ohio State University](#)

I followed two different doctors. First, a dietitian, super sweet and fun to watch communicate with his patients. My second doctor was a geriatrician and his interactions were intriguing, I found it interesting to see how he talks with his patients. It's fun shadowing, and I personally enjoyed it.

Nia Gitau

[Georgia Southern University](#)

I have absolutely loved being here, especially the classes and the teachers. They are so nice and they take the time not only to explain you the concepts that you don't understand, but they also take the time to get to know you

personally. My shadowing experience was wonderful, I saw two surgeries and I feel what I saw will help me figure out what kind of doctor to shadow next.

Catherine Vigil

[Harvard University](#)

I learned more in these eight weeks than I did in a whole year in a college class. I liked the small classes because it's a richer learning environment, in my opinion. Anyone who wants to come here, they should definitely do it. You'll have a great time.

Hendrik Meyer

[Georgia Southern](#)

I got to shadow four different doctors and each experience was very different and very interesting. We saw a surgery and it was one of the most interesting experiences. We saw the preparation and the course of the surgery, and the doctor explain parts of the body to us. It was really fun.

Lisa Le

[University of Nevada, Reno](#)

I studied Spanish in high school but only for one year. My experience has been great. I like the teachers. They are really professional.

Marili Ressel

[Ohio State University](#)

My experience here has been nothing like I expected. Shadowing was really interesting, doctors are very nice and really helpful and it's good to see how they interact with their patients because it's a little different than it is in the States. My Spanish classes are small, so you got a really cool one-on-one time with really patient professors.

Gillian Lloyd

[University of Colorado](#)

When we went outside of the city, we got to see... as the director, Emily would call it... "una realidad diferente." We got to use our Spanish, we got to hear about people's personal life experiences and really see the things they go through and how they persevere and all the services that are available for them. It was just really nice to see.

Laura Fagan

[Brandeis University](#)

The doctor made me feel at home at his office. He introduced me to all of his patients and told them that I was a student from USA learning Spanish, and all the patients were super welcoming and talked to me like I was a doctor too.

Sarah Brumfield

[University of Texas, Austin](#)

My time at ECELA not only increased my intellectual interests, cultural exposure, and Spanish fluency but also widened my personal perspective.

Katherine Nace

[Regent University](#)

I got to observe a surgery and treatments like hyperbaric oxygen chambers and acupuncture. Also, I spent time with a nutritionist and a bariatric surgeon. Nutrition is an area of interest for me, so I was glad I had the opportunity to shadow the nutritionist.

Samuel VanderGriend

[University of Washington](#)

My experience was fascinating. I wish it could have been longer. I made a lot of friends. Spanish here is different than what you learn in the textbook, so you have to go out to learn Spanish. I saw a surgery, a gastric bypass, and it was very fascinating. It was my first time ever seeing a surgery, and I learned a lot over the three hours of the procedure.

Martin Moreno

[Humboldt State University](#)

This program changed my life. I learned lots of Spanish and really recommend it.

Justine Lockwood

[SUNY Brockport](#)

My hope is to become a doctor, so I took this opportunity to have a better communication with the people that someday might be my patients. The classes here have been really good. The grammar and conversation have both been very helpful to solidify my Spanish which wasn't very good before, just a bit from high school. I feel I have grown tremendously in this short time.

Aspen Vetter

[The University of Texas at Austin](#)

Shadowing here is so much fun, the doctors are all very sweet and informative and they gave us lots of

background of what they do and I got to see a lot of cool things. I shadowed a sports medicine doctor and a general physician. It was really cool.

Isabella Halverson

[Texas Tech University](#)

The small classes were a wonderful experience. I learned so much more Spanish than I expected.

Martha Leuthner

[Butler University](#)

I've learned a lot of Spanish and improved my previous skills. I'd recommend it to anyone interested in learning from great teachers in a comfortable environment.

Josh Giltz

[University of Virginia](#)

I'm a global health student and want to learn Spanish for my career. So far I've met many patients in the clinic for diabetes.

Nicolette Carlos

[University of California, San Diego](#)

I chose *Ecela* specifically because my Spanish is advanced and they have classes for my level.

Alexis Quintin

[Buffalo State University](#)

Since the classes are smaller, they are a lot more intimate and I feel at ease when I have questions or want to review something I'm not clear on. It also allowed me to practice my conversation much more than I would in my university classes back home. They made me feel comfortable and helped me create a lot of memories I will never forget! I miss everyone already.

Kelsey Ford

[Lipscomb University](#)

I came here to do a medical program. We discuss the Chilean healthcare system. We read articles. I learned about the human body, the Spanish vocabulary, so I feel like it has helped me a lot. I definitely recommend the class, especially if you're interested in medicine.

Niti Yogesh

[Rhodes College](#)

I decided it was the best program for me because it was a comprehensive approach. The teachers have been patient with me. I've learned a lot of new vocabulary. The instruction with regards to learning grammar has been fantastic. I wish I could spend more time here and am sad to have to go back to the United States.

Barry Mills

[Duke University](#)

The medicine program also completely changed the way I see public health. I highly recommend it to anyone at all interested in medicine or social services. The people are friendly, helpful and so easy to get to know.

Maria Viitaniemi

[University of Florida](#)

I learned more Spanish than I ever thought possible and the teachers were not only great but also became close friends. I plan on coming back as soon as possible and seeing everyone.

Ashley Guinn

[Lipscomb University](#)

Going on one of these trips is absolutely one of the best decisions I've made in my life. It's better than just traveling because you also gain some skills.

Jerry Wang

[University of Illinois](#)

The program was great because it was so affordable and we did so much in a short time. The teachers and staff were really inspiring and I felt that they were really helpful throughout this whole process.

Jennifer Vitek

[George Washington University](#)

I loved the small classes and the relaxed atmosphere. The teachers are very dedicated to each student.

Megan Gilbertson

[Webster University](#)

The professors were all so helpful and friendly. It was never a dull day. I really learned a lot and improved my Spanish greatly. I will never forget the friendships and memories made.

Nicole Kaforski

[Indiana University](#)

The teachers are fantastic, intelligent and prepared to help on just about any subject.

Theresa Pagnozzi

[Eastern Connecticut State University](#)

Go out and meet the people from the city. Meet locals...that's how you practice your Spanish.

Cassandra Estrella

[Rhode Island College](#)

The teachers are trained in linguistics and how to teach language. I'm just blown away by how good they are.

Gerald Lucas

[Howard University](#)

Wow, we did so much. Specifically, we volunteered at two specific locations. One being central and the other being more remote, where people who live in the mountains or in the jungle could come and stay and wait for their medical procedures, whether it was a surgery or just an opportunity to see a doctor.

Jessica Charles

[Boston University](#)

I had never even traveled outside of the United States, so I was really afraid to go. Honestly my biggest concern about the program was that it might not be real. The website and the testimonials seemed just too good to be true. Once I got there, I was pleasantly proved wrong. This program was everything I expected it to be and I really, really enjoyed it.

Aurora Ramirez

[University of Arizona](#)

Once I got over my initial reluctance and really started to try to speak, it became less overwhelming because people are so nice and happy and accepting that you are trying to just speak Spanish. I felt like I had friends from the first day.

Haley Dowdell

[University of Montana](#)

If you're too shy, this will help you open up. If you're overly confident, it will put you in your place. I think it's a really good experience for everyone.

Sarah Fox

[University of California, Santa Cruz](#)

Because the classes are small it's so easy to get to know the professors as human beings. They really want to help you and they are so easy to talk to. It makes it so much easier to learn when you can be comfortable in class.

Lucy Jones

[Notre Dame University](#)

My dad was scared that I was traveling alone to South America...it was a whole new world to me, but it was fairly easy to meet lots of good people from the start.

Brittney Carrio

[Loma Linda University](#)

I could not have been more pleased with my progress in Spanish, and happy with my experience in general. The feeling they were able to convey was that they not only wanted to help with the advancement of the language, but that students felt comfortable and confident navigating a new city, language and culture. Thank you for making me feel that I was more than just a language student.

Heather Yevseyev

[Michigan State University](#)

I am very grateful I chose to study here. The best getaway I could imagine - I never took it for granted and cherished every moment.

Rosti Tsurulnik

[SUNY Albany](#)

I had a really big concern about my aptitude to learn Spanish. I had taken Spanish classes when I was younger, when I was in high school and never really grasped the whole process of learning a new language. So I was really nervous that I would embark on this adventure and just come out of it frustrated and not able to learn. But it was incredible how quickly I picked up the language. I've made so much progress that would just be impossible I think any other way.

Shelley Flenniken

[Auburn University](#)

My shadowing experience has been awesome. I got to see surgeries, I shadowed doctors in clinics and it's been really cool to meet and establish relationships with doctors here. It's cool

because we learn Spanish and we also see how medicine works here, in a different culture.

Derick Rawding

[CSU Long Beach](#)

The classes are great and the teachers are really understanding and helpful. I wish I could have extended my stay.

Lauren Soper

[Texas A&M University](#)

The most useful part of my experience was living with an Argentine family. They taught me things about daily life that I could never have learned from a textbook. My family had so much patience with my grammar, and the more I practiced Spanish, the more I learned.

Callie Rose Marby

[Luther College](#)

Everyone at the school was so welcoming, and they really are committed to making sure that you not only learn Spanish but also feel comfortable and have a lot of fun!

Bill Walker

[Baylor University](#)

As a premed student, this program was really unique in that it offered Spanish classes and shadowing opportunities.

Nhi Nguyen

[Louisiana State University](#)

The time I spent at Ecela exceeded all expectations that I had going in. The teachers were absolutely amazing, and

we also had a great time as a group going out on the town, as well as a host of other activities.

Nick Batlle

[University of Missouri](#)

My favorite part of the program was definitely shadowing doctors. It's an awesome experience that you can't get in the classroom. Studying Spanish in the classroom is one thing, but actually living it out on the streets and in hospitals with people who speak it, that's totally different.

Tim Mayotte

[Olivet Nazarene University](#)

I learned a lot and enjoyed the experience outside of class. I had 3 goals: learn Spanish, enjoy Buenos Aires, and make friends. They helped me achieve all of them.

Jason Park

[Harvard University](#)

It's been an awesome experience. I've seen not only plenty of surgeries, but also consults in things like kinesiology and geriatrics. It's good to get a world view of other countries and their health care systems. I love my time here and I would recommend it to anyone.

Justin Reidy

[Montclair State University](#)

Chile is the best: the people, the weather, the beaches. ¡Gracias!

Rebekah Argo

[University of North Alabama](#)

This has been one of my favorite experiences during my college career. I've learned so much Spanish and so much about a culture that I knew nothing about. I love the classroom setting, how they are small-group based and you get a lot of one-on-one time with the instructors. They focus on getting to know you personally and your strengths and weaknesses. My shadowing experience has been incredibly overwhelming in a good way. It's a whole new level of learning about what I'd like to do in the future.

Stephanie Matthews

[University of Kansas](#)

What I like most is that the classes are very small so it's easy to ask questions and you feel comfortable learning. It's helpful having people native to Chile to help you to continue to learn Spanish outside of class in a practical setting.

Saige Hallock

[North Idaho College](#)

In high school, yeah you learn the grammar, you know how to write, but you don't really practice it on Spanish speakers. You just know it just to know it. But it's not practical. But it's different when you're immersed in the culture, and you're forced to speak it.

Eunice Mak

[SUNY Albany](#)

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Common Concerns About Learning Spanish and Shadowing Doctors in Latin America

How much prior Spanish is required?

The program is suitable for Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced Spanish students. On the other hand, if you are already fluent it is probably not a good fit.

How much is the program tuition?

Spanish & Medicine is structured to be an affordable investment for most student budgets. Check current tuition at www.SpanishAndMedicine.com

What is Spanish & Medicine?

A short-term (4-12 weeks) study abroad program for premed/prehealth students featuring Spanish immersion and medical shadowing in Latin America.

The program's mission is to help prepare future healthcare professionals treat America's large Spanish-speaking population safely and with empathy.

How is Spanish immersion different from a high school or college class?

Most students advance much more quickly for three main reasons:

- (1) The "Spanish everywhere" environment lets you practice your new skills the very same day you learn them.
- (2) The small classes (max 8 students) allow for more conversation, so you get to "learn by doing" rather than by studying.
- (3) No juggling several different classes so no losing mental energy as you transition between subjects.

Where is Spanish & Medicine located?

Spanish-speaking countries in Latin America. While Chile is the main center, other recent sites include Peru and Argentina.

Is the shadowing AAMC-compliant?

Yes. The shadowing is "hands off" and observational to meet American (and local) ethics requirements.

Where does the shadowing take place?

Shadowing rotations are in local hospitals (public) and clinics (private). Most students choose to follow a variety of specialties.

When does it start?

There are several start dates during the summer so most people can fit it into their academic calendar. Visit www.SpanishAndMedicine.com for updated info.

How long is the program?

You can choose the 4, 8, or 12 weeks. The 8 and 12 week options allow for multiple locations

Who is this for?

Premed/prehealth students who want to be able to treat their future patients in Spanish.

You also need a sense of adventure and must have sufficient independence to be away from home for an extended trip.

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