



# PharmD MEDICAL SPANISH ROTATION IN COSTA RICA

APPE Block 2 (July - August) APPE Block 7 (Feb - March)





### 6-Week Program Description:

Immerse yourself in the Spanish language and Costa Rican culture while taking 100 hours of intensive medical and general Spanish courses and living with a Costa Rican host family. You will practice your medical Spanish language skills while working in a local pharmacy and on hospital visits & community service projects. On the weekends you are free to travel to beaches, volcanoes and rainforests!

### Weeks 1 - 5:

#### 90 - 100 hours of Spanish Language classes

#### Work in a local pharmacy:

- Learn the pharmacy system in Costa Rica and generic medications used
- Compare and contrast pharmacist responsibilities and training between US and Costa Rica
- Patient counseling as your Spanish progresses and allows
- Assist the pharmacy team in whatever is needed

#### Live with a Costa Rican host family:

- Gain informal Spanish language exposure and practice
- Observe and participate in Latino culture
- Build lifelong relationships

## Join Common Ground's other International rotation students on an interdisciplinary team which includes:

Patient education focusing on illness and disease prevention in the following areas

Proper Nutrition Proper Hygiene
Basic Anatomy and Body Systems
Addictions and drug/alcohol abuse Other topics as requested

- Touring public and private hospitals and learning about the health situation and standards of care from the Ministry of Health.
- Assisting local NGOs in their health-related projects in shanty towns
- Assessing public health risks and barriers to care in target communities
- Interact with physicians and pharmacists as they teach you about their specialties

#### Week 6:

Take some time to reflect on your rotation and enjoy Costa Rica on optional excursions.

 Spend time at the beach, travel with friends and family, get settled at home before your next rotation begins!



## **NOW REGISTERING!**

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