

Summer Vacation Term Option – For Freshman and NON Co-op Students ONLY

The Program

The ICDS 6 week summer program is a great option for students during their summer vacation term to either jump start, or strengthen their Spanish language skills. They will also learn medical Spanish and healthcare issues in Latin America, in addition to cultural exposure. Having Spanish language skills and knowledge of health issues in Latin America will better prepare any student for working with the US' large Hispanic population.

Why study abroad during summer vacation?

- **Study abroad in 2 different locations:** For students in the College of Nursing and Health Professions who would like to participate in both Costa Rica and London study abroad, the vacation summer program enables them to do so.
- **Prepare for further study and/or co-op in Costa Rica:** By giving students a strong foundation in Spanish language, exposure to Costa Rican life and culture, and wonderful volunteering opportunities, the summer program can also prepare students for the full term winter program in Costa Rica, and/or possible co-op'ing in Costa Rica!
- **Minor in Spanish:** By fulfilling the Spanish language intensive in Costa Rica, students can earn more credit toward a minor in Spanish.
- **If you don't plan to apply for a full 11 week study abroad program** (London or Costa Rica) the summer program allows students to still experience study abroad, but for a shorter period of time.

Eligibility requirements:

Class standing: Freshman and Non Co-op students ONLY – must be scheduled for summer vacation term

Majors: Students in nursing, health professions, pre-med.

Language pre-requisite: NONE. If student has studied Spanish before, they should take the Language Placement Test through Drexel's Modern Language Department.

The Academics:

Students take 2 courses for a total of 9 credits:

- **HSAD 480: The Health Care System in Costa Rica**
3.0 credits – fulfills sociology and health elective, social science, or free elective course.
- **LANG 180: The Spanish for Health Sciences**
6.0 credits – fulfills humanities or free elective course. Students are placed into either beginner, intermediate, or advanced Spanish course)

Grading: Because the 6 week summer program takes place during a vacation term, students earn **TRANSFER** credit for the 2 courses taken, since they are not registered as full time students at Drexel during vacation terms. Grades for the summer program are NOT factored into students' Drexel GPA.

Program Dates Summer 2012:

Arrival: June 30th, 2012
Departure: August 12th, 2012

Students are welcome to travel independently either before or after the program.

Program Fee Summer 2012: \$4,300

Included in the program fee:

- Tuition for 9 credits of course work
- Home stay with local Costa Rican family
- Breakfast and dinners provided by host family
- Airport pick-up upon arrival
- Weekend excursions and group activities
- Orientation

Not included in program fee:

- Airfare
- Visa fee
- Emergency medical insurance
- Class materials
- Some meals
- Spending money

Please note that freshmen are NOT normally scheduled for classes during their summer vacation term, and thus do not have Drexel tuition charges for summer vacation term. For that reason, ICS tuition for the 9 credits earned on the 6 week summer program is added into the program fee.

Billing: Students are billed **directly by ICDS** in Costa Rica for the summer vacation program fee. Students can make payments via wire transfer to ICDS. Students are billed directly because they normally do not receive charges for summer vacation term in their Drexel annual bill. Thus the charges for the summer coursework, housing, and other items listed above are all included in the program fee, which is payable to ICDS.