

Winter Term Costa Rica Program Option:

The Program

The ICDS 11 week winter program is a customized program offering curriculum from the College of Nursing and Health Professions, from a Latin American perspective. Students gain a global perspective of health care and related issues. ICDS partners with Hospital Clínica Bíblica, Costa Rica's premier hospital to offer this customized Drexel curriculum. Students will strengthen their Spanish language skills and learn critical medical Spanish terminology in hands-on and interactive ways. Having Spanish skills plus knowledge of Latin American health issues will better prepare any student for working with the US' large Hispanic population.

Eligibility requirements:

- Class standing:** Sophomore, pre-junior, juniors – must be scheduled for class during winter term
- Majors:** Nursing and Health Professions, Pre-med
- Pre-requisite:** Spanish 103 or equivalent. If student has studied Spanish before, they should take the language placement test at Drexel's Modern Language Department to determine knowledge level.

The Academics:

Students take 4 courses for a total of 16 credits. Students earn Drexel credit and grades for this program are factored into Drexel GPA.

- **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 electives. Students are placed in a Spanish class for their appropriate language level.
- **ECON 240: The Economics of Health care** – 4.0 credits
- **HSAD: Vulnerable Populations or HSAD Urban Health Care** – 3.0 credits

Winter term program calendar:

- Arrival:** early January
- Departure:** Late March, begin spring/summer co-op upon return to US.

Program Fee Winter 2013: approx \$2,600

Included in the program fee:

- Home stay with local Costa Rican family
- Breakfast and dinners provided by host family
- Airport pick-up upon arrival
- Orientation
- Weekend excursions and group activities

Not included in program fee:

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

Money Matters

Students are billed their normal Drexel tuition and keep all financial aid during their winter term abroad. The study abroad program fee listed above will be added to students' Drexel account. Please refer to the program Budget Sheet for cost details. If you receive Federal Work Study, consider applying for the Study Abroad Online Journalist work study position (only available to students after accepted into the program). To seek additional funding, review the [Scholarship & Funding Opportunities](#). Remember that scholarship deadlines may be much earlier than study abroad deadlines, so plan accordingly.