

MEDICAL INTERNSHIP - SALUD BRAZIL

Salud Brazil is a 4-week program developed by Fast Forward Language Institute in partnership with Federal University of Alagoas and Hospital Universitário. Combining Portuguese language classes and medical vocabulary with emphasis on Tropical Diseases and a 2-week hospital internship, this course provides its participants with essential issues so that they may understand the reality of Brazilian Medicine.



The main goal of Salud Brazil is improving the students' knowledge of Portuguese language and Brazilian culture while developing those skills required on Doctor-Patient relationships as well as other Medical areas. This course is geared towards healthcare professionals and students of medicine, nurses etc.

The study material of Salud Brazil was carefully developed from medical reports of current cases studies occurred at the Hospital Universitário. This material includes subjects such as:

- General medical vocabulary
- Doctor-Patient relationship
- Tropical diseases (Dengue, Febre Amarela, Malaria)
- Human Body (in General, Head and Mouth, Intern Organs)

Classes are held at school by a doctor-infectologist, specialized in Tropical Diseases. As part of the program's material students receive a personalised coat and a Portuguese-English dictionary of medical vocabulary.

The clinic internship is held at Hospital Universitário and students take part as student-observers. Foreign students have opportunity to meet and interact with local university students who attend classes at the clinic as part of their educational grade. Furthermore, while learning, they can make friendship and exchange knowledge and experiences.

A basic to intermediate Portuguese level is required from students interested in applying for this program. However students who do not have those levels of Portuguese just need to take a 2-week General Portuguese course in order to be up to join a group for Salud Brazil.

SALUD BRAZIL - Schedule

Week #1

Sunday, July 05

Arrival to Brazil, Maceio's airport. Pick up is included.

Monday, July 06

08:00 Language placement test and Orientation (general procedures)
09:30 Portuguese lessons
11:50 Portuguese lessons (finish)
Lunch break

Tuesday, July 07

08:00 Portuguese lessons
11:50 Portuguese lessons (finish)
Lunch break
15:30 Workshop: medical vocabulary (The human body in general)
16:30 End of the workshop

Wednesday, July 08

08:00 Portuguese lessons
11:50 Portuguese lessons
Lunch break
13:30 Workshop: introduction to medical vocabulary (Hospital: material and staff)
15:00 End of the workshop

Thursday, July 09

- 08:00 Portuguese lessons
- 11:50 Portuguese lessons
- Lunch break
- 13:30 Workshop: medical vocabulary (introduction to Tropical Diseases)
- 15:00 End of the workshop

Friday, July 10

- 08:00 Portuguese lessons
- 11:50 Portuguese lessons

Saturday, July 11

Weekend excursion

Sunday, July 12

Weekend excursion

Week #2

Monday, July 13

- 08:00 Portuguese lessons
- 11:50 Portuguese lessons
- Lunch break
- 17:00 Lecture: Brief introduction of the Brazilian medical scene and Tropical diseases. (These lessons are held at school and given by a specialist-doctor in tropical diseases)
- 18:00 End of the lecture

Tuesday, July 14

- 08:00 Portuguese lessons
- 11:50 Portuguese lessons
- Lunch break
- 17:00 Lecture on Tropical Diseases ("Yellow Fever")
- 18:00 End of the lecture

Wednesday, July 15

- 08:00 Portuguese lessons
- 11:50 Portuguese lessons
- Lunch break
- 17:00 Lecture on Tropical diseases ("Malaria")
- 18:00 End of the lecture

Thursday, July 16

- 08:00 Portuguese lessons
- 11:50 Portuguese lessons
- Lunch break
- 17:00 Lecture on Tropical Diseases ("Dengue")
- 18:00 End of the lecture

Friday, July 17

- 08:00 Portuguese lessons
- 11:50 Portuguese lessons
- Lunch break
- 17:00 Lecture on Tropical Diseases
- 18:00 End of the lecture

Week #3

Monday, July 18

- 08:00 Departure from our school accompanied by a teacher for the service learning at Hospital Universitário
- 09:00 The first day of service learning at the hospital is introductory. Students meet teachers and colleagues while are introduced to the hospital's rules and regulations

12:00 End of the first day of service learning at the hospital. A teacher pick the students up and take them back to school.

Tuesday, July 19

08:00 Departure to Hospital Universitário

09:00 Start service learning

12:00 End of service learning

Wednesday, July 20

08:00 Departure to Hospital Universitário

09:00 Start service learning

12:00 End of service learning

Thursday, July 21

08:00 Departure to Hospital Universitário

09:00 Start service learning

12:00 End of service learning

Friday, July 22

08:00 Departure to Hospital Universitário

09:00 Start service learning

12:00 End of service learning

Saturday, July 23

Weekend excursion

Sunday, July 24

Weekend excursion

Week #4

Monday, July 25

08:00 Departure to Hospital Universitário

09:00 Start service learning

12:00 End of service learning

Tuesday, July 26

08:00 Departure to Hospital Universitário

09:00 Start service learning

Wednesday, July 27

08:00 Departure to Hospital Dia/Hospital Universitário

09:00 Start service learning

12:00 End of service learning

Thursday, July 28

08:00 Departure to Hospital Dia/Hospital Universitário

09:00 Start service learning

12:00 End of service learning

Friday, July 29

08:00 Departure to Hospital Dia/Hospital Universitário

09:00 Start service learning

12:00 End of service learning

Important Note:

The schedule is subject to change and substitution. In order for you to get the most out of the lectures and hands-on experience, you should be at least a low intermediate level Portuguese speaker (approximately 3 semesters of Portuguese in college, or 2 years of high school Portuguese). If you are currently at a level below low intermediate, you may still apply, but we strongly recommend that you also register for at least an additional 2 weeks of classes prior to the start of the SALUD program.

Getting There

Participants are responsible for their own transportation to Maceio. Upon arriving to Maceio, you'll be picked up and taken to your host family. Students should plan to arrive on Sunday, July 06, and depart on Sunday, July 31, 2007. If participants need to arrive a few days earlier or stay a few days later, this is possible at a cost of \$25/day.

Cost: US\$ 2.250,00

Deadlines

- \$200 deposit due with application
- 06 weeks prior to start date– final payment

Extensions

- Extra Homestay Days, \$30/day
- Additional weeks of classes and homestay, \$385/week

Re-Cap of what's included

- Airport pick-up;
- Accommodation in private room/half board;
- 02 weeks of 20 classes group tuition per week, morning or afternoon according to schedule of hospital work and planned excursions;
- 02 weeks of observation classes at the Hospital;
- 02 weekend activities ;
- Orientation tour & materials.

