Language and Culture Immersion Program For Speech-Language Pathologists in Quito, Ecuador

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Travel: June 24 —July 23, 2011

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Experience immersion in Ecuador’s culture & language while becoming culturally, linguistically, and clinically proficient SLPs better able to serve US bilingual children with communication disorders. This 4-week Spanish language intensive program will prepare current and future SLPs to develop clinical skills and cultural understanding to serve children from other language and cultural backgrounds. Course content will include Latino perspectives on communication & communication disorders, diversity, bilingualism, Latino and US models of service.

The program includes home-stays, language & culture classes, site visits to agencies working with individuals with communication disorders and training by Ecuadorean & US professionals. An optional 2-week clinical experience may be available to those interested.

While the 2nd smallest country in South America, Ecuador is one of the most geographically diverse countries of the world. With a diverse population of nearly 1.4 million people, Quito is a vibrant and modern city less than an hour from traditional indigenous communities. Only 22 miles from the equator, the city’s location at 10,000 ft has given it the reputation of “eternal spring” temperatures throughout the year. Quito is surrounded by natural beauty, by the mountains ringing the city, some volcanic, some with white capped peaks, lushly forested hills and a fertile valley.

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Application Deadline: 4/15/11