

College of Charleston Summer 2012 Ecuador

Program Dates:

May 12 - June 3, 2012

Program Fee:

\$3,900*

(*subject to change and does not include tuition)

Program Information:

This 2012 Ecuador program is an extension of programs conducted in summer 2009, 2010, and 2011. Participants, both undergraduate and graduate, will take a mandatory international education and culture course (EDEE 580/699) which will include a service learning component. This program is a unique opportunity for education students to apply book knowledge, theory, and personal experiences with students and school types in a different cultural setting. The educational systems (private and public) and teaching environments in Quito will present an exceptional experience to learn, compare, and explore educational issues as they relate and are influenced by culture and language.

The EDEE 580/699 course: Special Topics in Education: Cross-Cultural and Comparative Education, involves both cultural and comparative education aspects. In Ecuador, participants will observe children in an all Spanish speaking, inner-city, elementary school for 2 hours each day and in an international K-12 multi-lingual, English instruction, school for 2.5 hours each day for three weeks. Students will make daily observations and answer questions based upon education, cultural differences, and developmental theory. Weekday mornings will be spent in the schools, while several weekday afternoons will be used to tour museums and sites near Quito and other days will offer the opportunity to visit a private university and work with ESOL classes and students at the college level.

As part of the program, participants will live with Ecuadorian families. Additional aspects of the program include several required immunizations (detailed list to be given at a later date) and optional strenuous outdoor activities such as hiking.

Program Directors:

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To Apply:

Applications can either be downloaded from the CIE website, <http://international.cofc.edu>, or picked up in the CIE office. All applications must be submitted to **Julie Swigert, Study Abroad Coordinator, Center for International Education, swigertj@cofc.edu, 843-953-7823.**

The Program Fee of **\$3,800*** includes a non-refundable \$50 application fee, round-trip airfare, room and board with families, ground transportation, medical insurance, and entrances into sites. **TUITION FOR THE COURSES IS NOT INCLUDED.**

Application deadline is **March 2, 2012.** Deposit of \$550 will be posted to the student's MyCharleston account once the application has been submitted to, and approved by, the CIE. Scholarships of up to \$1500 are available to CoFC students who study abroad. Eligibility is based on demonstrated financial need and academic merit.



Program Course:

EDEE 580/699: Special Topics in Education: Cross-Cultural and Comparative Education