During the Winter, 2014 semester, I did an Independent Study looking at health and health care in Ecuador. The purpose of the Independent Study was to prepare for a Global Special Study I embarked on for May, 2014. For the Special Study, I lived in Quito, Ecuador, and took medical Spanish lessons in addition to shadowing doctors to practice Spanish in the medical environment.

On weekends, I was able to travel around Ecuador. I visited the cities of Mindo, Banos, Tena, and Otavalo in addition to Quito.

I lived with 5 other American students in a homestay organized by Child Family Health International.

I recommend this program for people who want to improve or practice speaking Spanish, especially medical terminology. I will definitely use the skills I learned throughout my career!

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Through Child Family Health International, I enrolled at the Amazing Andes Spanish School. I was one of two students in my Beginner Spanish Class. For the first week I had Spanish instruction for 7 hours each day. For the next three weeks, I had Spanish instruction in the afternoons, and spent the mornings shadowing medical doctors. I shadowed a gynecologist in surgery and in clinic, and also a pediatrician.