

# Winter 2017 in Costa Rica!



## SUNY Cobleskill Faculty-Led Program

**Dates:** January 2 -15, 2017

**Location:** Santa Ana, Costa Rica

**Professor:** Dr. Gail Wentworth

**Application Deadline:** September 5, 2016

**COURSE:** ECHD 390 *Special Topics in Early Childhood - Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Early Education, Social Agencies and Families*, 3 credits.

Students will engage in dual-language service learning experiences in Costa Rica while studying similarities & differences among family values, early childhood care/education and elder care practices in the USA and Costa Rica. This travel program will include beginning or intermediate Spanish instruction at *Conversa Language School*. Students will apply newly acquired foreign language skills in local settings by living with local host families, planning hands-on lessons for young children and volunteering at social service agencies. **Course satisfies ECHD 251 or ECHD 351 requirement.**

**ELIGIBILITY:** SUNY Cobleskill students or alumni with minimum 2.5 GPA.

**PREREQUISITES:** ECHD 170/175 and ECHD 130/190 and ECHD 121/150 or permission of instructor.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Costa Rica culture and Spanish lessons at *La Conversa Language School*: a six-acre campus in Santa Ana with three small lodges, 45-foot swimming pool, cafeteria, game tables, TV lounge, and educational walking trails. The campus is bursting with trees, plants, flowers, birds and other animals.
- Meals prepared on-site with locally grown foods and are included in fees.
- Latin American dance (Salsa) and cooking classes are available free of charge.
- Local transportation to and from sites provided; optional field trips available.

**ESTIMATED PROGRAM COST: \$2300–\$2500 per participant. DOES NOT INCLUDE TUITION/INSTRUCTIONAL FEES (\$809 in-state. Out-of-state tuition additional.)** Includes group airfare from NYC, homestay accommodation, meals, program-related travel, Spanish language classes, international health insurance, program fee, and excursions/site visits. Participants will be responsible for passport expenses, and personal spending money. A passport is required. **\$300 deposit due upon acceptance.** Financial aid may apply.

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\*Details including dates, costs, and itinerary items are subject to change.  
Costs based on 6-12 participants.

