

**MEDICAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM:  
PLASTIC SURGERY IN BRAZIL**



**Fast Forward Language Institute** offers a rigorous 4-week specialized study abroad program in Plastic Surgery, developed in partnership with the Hospital das Clinicas of Sao Paulo and Dr. Paulo Tuma Junior.

Combining practical, focused workshops and a 2-week supervised hospital internship, with intensive Portuguese language instruction that emphasizes medical vocabulary and Plastic Surgery terminology, this course provides participants with in-depth knowledge of the key issues facing the reality of the practice of Plastic Surgery and Medicine in Brazil.

Long known worldwide as the capital of Plastic Surgery, there is no better place to study the specialty than in Brazil. Students will learn with top-rated surgeons at the Hospital das Clinicas, Latin America's largest hospital complex as well as in well-respected private clinics. Learn with one of the best names in the field at some of the best clinics and hospitals in the world!

This course is geared toward practicing healthcare professionals as well as students of medicine and nursing with a strong interest in the field of Plastic Surgery.

Classes and lectures are held at Fast Forward by a Plastic Surgeon. The hospital internship is held at the Hospital das Clinicas, Hospital Sirio Libanes and at the Plastic Surgery Clinic, where students take part as student observers. Students will receive a personalized lab coat and a Portuguese-English dictionary of medical vocabulary.

Foreign students have the opportunity to meet and interact with local medical students attending classes at the hospital as part of their degree program, as well as with experienced surgeons and physicians, leading to a dynamic exchange of knowledge and experiences.

A basic to intermediate level of Portuguese is required for students to apply for the program. Students who do not have those levels will need to take a 2-week General Portuguese course prior to joining a group for SALUD Brazil.

**Plastic Surgery Program**

**Theoretical Program Topics:**

- Plastic Surgery global vision
- Medical Training in Brazil / Foreign Diploma Validation
- Wound healing / Flaps and grafts: principles
- Burns / Cutaneous tumors
- Plastic Surgery in Trauma Patients
- Specialties: Hand Surgery/Lower limb reconstruction
- Specialties: Craniofacial surgery/ Orbitopalpebral reconstruction
- Esthetic Surgery

**Practicum:**

- Patient rounds and surgery observation at Hospital das Clínicas and Sirio Libanes Hospital
- Visit to Doctor Paulo Tuma Jr.'s Plastic Surgery Clinic

Surgeon in charge: Dr. Paulo Tuma, Jr.

Coordinators:

Dimas André Milcheski and Aylton Cheroto Filho

## SAMPLE SCHEDULE

### Weeks 1 & 2

09:00 Portuguese lessons  
12:50 Portuguese lessons (finish)

Lunch break

Afternoon cultural activity

### Weeks 3 & 4

Theoretical classes (see the Program above)

Rounds and Surgery Observation

## NOTES

The standard program is **4 weeks**, however it may be customized for groups.

### Weeks 1 & 2:

- Portuguese instruction **20 hours** per week in the morning
- Maximum of 6 students per class.

### Weeks 3 & 4:

- **8** 1.5 hr lectures with the Surgeon (see Theoretical Program Topics above).
- **4** practical observation classes at Hospital das Clinicas:
  - 2 sessions in Surgical Center (3 hrs) and 2 sessions on rounds (2 hrs).
  - Students will observe and discuss cases according to the week's agenda
- **1** practical observation visit to Dr. Paulo Tuma Junior's clinic
- Maximum of 4 students per class.

## COST

**USD 6450**

**per student, including accommodation in single room with a family for 4 weeks, half board**

## About the Surgeon

Dr. Paulo Tuma, Jr. earned his degree in Medicine from the prestigious University of Sao Paulo in 1985, followed by his doctorate in Surgery 1997. He is currently Associate Professor at the University of Sao Paulo's School of Medicine and Assistant Physician of USP's School of Medicine's Hospital das Clinicas. He is in charge of the Medical Program at USP. Dr. Tuma's specialty is Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, primarily working in the following areas: microsurgery, hand surgery, plastic surgery, and lower and upper limbs.