

U.S. Peace Corps – Colombia seeks a:

Medical Officer – Barranquilla, Colombia

The U.S. Peace Corps takes a unique approach to making a difference. Our mission is to promote world peace and friendship by contributing to capacity-building and projects that are hands-on, grassroots-driven, and lasting. We work for the wellbeing and prosperity of vulnerable rural populations through the collaboration of professional American volunteers.

This is a full time position based in Barranquilla for a Medical Doctor or a Nurse Practitioner, under the direct supervision of the Country Director and the Office of Medical Services in Washington, D.C., responsible for providing diagnostic, therapeutic, and preventative ambulatory healthcare services to U.S. volunteers, which includes assessment, diagnosis and management of acute episodic and chronic illness, in accordance with U.S. medical guidelines.

The Peace Corps Medical Officer (PCMO) duties include:

- Routine primary health care to volunteers, including treatment of common illnesses and injuries;
- Individual short-term counseling on disease prevention, cultural adjustment issues, stress management and cross-cultural challenges;
- Response to emergency medical situations;
- Design and presentation of health training sessions;
- Site visits to volunteers throughout the operational areas of the Peace Corps, including the Northern Caribbean Region and the Andean Region.
- Inventory of medical supplies & equipment;
- Alternate on call duty;
- Administrative tasks of the medical office including budget management
- Member of Senior Peace Corps staff in Colombia
- Medical office administrative tasks; and
- Other duties as required.

Candidates must possess the following minimum qualifications:

Education: Graduate of accredited school and valid license to practice medicine in Colombia.

Prior Work Experience: Three or more years' experience in a professional practice, hospital or clinic setting.

Language Proficiency: Strong communication and cross cultural skills in spoken and written English - Level IV (Fluent) and Spanish.

Knowledge: Experience in managing mental health issues, including counseling of patients. Experience in training design and presentation of health related material. Certifiable experience in the management of the gynecological examination. Program management and administrative experience.

Skills and Abilities: Strong leadership and interpersonal skills. The ability to maintain good working relationships with co-workers, Staff (American, Colombian, and other) and Volunteers. Ability to develop and maintain good contacts within suppliers, and health entities. Ability to plan, organize and execute volunteer health related activities and to prepare precise, analytical reports.

Ability to render advice employing sound judgment within Agency guidelines. Ability to work effectively as part of an intercultural team. Hardworking, reliable and diligent with good interpersonal skills. Ability to work with minimal supervision. Very good computer skills and working knowledge of Microsoft office is required.

Other: Eligible to obtain a valid Colombian driver's license is required; capable to drive a vehicle; and available for travel in Colombia to rural areas, either accompanied or alone. Eligible for U.S. B1/B2 Visa and available for international travel. Preferred: Applicants that are Colombian residents or currently have the required work and/or residence permits.

Salary: COP \$96,567,574 annual basic salary (before discounts and benefits)

Important instructions: Interested applicants must submit all the *information and documents listed below* and send them *with all the attachments* to e-mail co-jobs@peacecorps.gov, **before February 10, 2021**; ensuring to accomplish and send all the requirements and referencing at the e-mail subject the position title "**PCMO**"

Peace Corps Medical Officer – Application Requirements:

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following documents **in English**:

- ☐ A Resume or C.V. that includes:
 - Professional positions held, identifying duties, responsibilities, dates of employment and reason for leaving.
 - Education and training, identifying universities attended, dates of attendance, degrees and diplomas. Include all post graduate training, i.e. internships, residencies, fellowships.
 - Professional licenses, certificates, registrations
 - An accounting for periods of unemployment longer than three months
- ☐ A cover letter
- ☐ PCMO Application form (obtain signature): (Attachment 1.)
Please make sure the candidate has provided the following in their application form:
 - Date of birth
 - Place of birth
 - Citizenship
 - Passport number
 - Passport issue date
 - Passport expiration date
- ☐ A completed PCMO applicant skills survey: (Attachment 2.)
- ☐ Three letters of professional reference. **(At least two must be from professional medical colleagues who have directly observed the applicant in a clinical setting).** One must also be from the current employer. Letters must be written recently with date written at the top or bottom of the letter. Letters must be in English. **(Continues in next page...)**

- Clinical privilege form signed (Attachment 3)
- Photocopy of **Academic diplomas**. If the candidate is an MD, he or she must be a graduate of a medical school listed on the following web site: <https://search.wdoms.org/> **A translated copy of the diploma in English is required. Official translation is not necessary.**
- Photocopy of **professional licenses**. If the license does not have an expiration date, written confirmation must be submitted directly from the issuing authority or the Ministry of Health.