LearnSpain
Spanish Teachers in American Schools

CIPUSA (Council of International Programs USA) is an approved sponsor from the Department of State which promotes international understanding through professional development and cross-cultural exchange. It is one of the few American organizations with the approval to sponsor education internship programs.

Founded in 1956 in Cleveland, they have brought to the US more than 10,000 professionals from 147 different countries.

With offices in Cleveland, Chicago, Phoenix, Columbus, Kalamazoo, and West Virginia, they are a well recognized NGO for their expertise and supportive approach.

Meddeas is a Spanish-based organization founded in 2011 by professionals with more than 25 years of experience in the education sector. With presence in five countries, they provide support to bilingual teaching in educational centers.

They are renowned by their Language Assistant programs. Every year, more than 300 recent graduates from English speaking countries further their training and cooperate with Spanish private schools as Language Assistants.

Meddeas has developed its own methodology to successfully select education trainees and professionals, conducting more than 2,000 interviews for more than 200 schools every year.

“We’ve been working with Meddeas for more than 4 years now. They’ve always delivered a fast and professional service and have adjusted to our needs.”

Noelia Molinero, HR Manager
Colegio Ramón y Cajal, Madrid (Spain)

“I have had the great fortune of being a partner with CIPUSA since January 2014. They are well organized and have successfully kept all of our programs on task.”

Stacy Moreno, Founder and Executive Director
Empower International, LLC (USA)
LearnSpain is the result of the partnership between Meddeas and CIPUSA. It brings Spanish recent graduates in Education to cooperate as teaching assistants in American schools under a J1 intern visa design.

Meddeas contributes with its expertise in recruiting education trainees, and CIPUSA with their vast experience in bringing foreign professionals to the US.

American schools host Spanish teachers, who provide help and improve the multicultural scenario of the school and promote intercultural exchanges. These assistants not only help students with their knowledge of Spanish but also teachers. They also track attendance, calculate grades, help supervise students, and help organizing and preparing lessons and materials.

As a result, US schools have the unique opportunity to promote multiculturalism among their students. Spanish teaching assistants return to Spain having gained real work experience and having embraced the American culture and way of life.
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FACTS

- Demanding selection process of Spanish recent graduates in Education, fluent in English
- Participants are hosted by schools under a J1 visa
- Schools cover workers’ compensation and salary, enough to cover living expenses
- Programs length: one or two semesters
- Participants receive pre-arrival orientation in Spain and continuous support while in the US
- Emergency contact available 24/7

ADVANTAGES

- Great opportunity to have a Spanish native speaker with a degree in Education at an affordable cost
- Selection process and support for visa applications handled by Meddeas and CIPUSA
- Improvement of the level of Spanish of both teachers and students
- Help and assistance to students whose mother tongue is not English
- Promotion of multicultural awareness

COSTS

- Application Fee
  - One semester: $1,500
  - Two semesters: $2,000
- Intern Salary
  - $1,500 per month

*Some schools might decide to complement a lower salary by providing accommodation

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Three months prior to the beginning of the program