

# SPANISH FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS CERTIFICATE

## Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures hosts an interdisciplinary certificate program in Medical Spanish. Open to students in all majors and to non-degree seeking students, the program is designed to address the growing demand for Spanish-speakers in medical settings such as hospitals, doctor's offices, or homecare. Students with previous Intermediate proficiency will advance during the course of studies to, at least, the Advanced-Low level while acquiring specialized vocabulary, structures, and language pragmatics typically found in the medical field. Graduates will be able to apply their knowledge as nurses, nurse-practitioners, physicians, medical administrators, and front-office staff in medical offices. Furthermore, members of medical teams on missions in South America should find the skills gained through the certificate useful.

### Admissions:

Students who wish to enroll in the Certificate program must have

- previous knowledge of Spanish at the intermediate-mid level as an absolute minimum.
- Students who do not speak English as their first language have to pass our institution's English proficiency requirements of 80 on TOEFL and 6.5 on IELTS.

Proficiency can be established by passing a Spanish 201 (third-semester) course or by passing an AVANT placement test (online access provided by UMW) with a score of 4.

For more information on UMW's English proficiency requirements, see <https://www.umw.edu/admissions/international/english-second-language/>

| Code                     | Title   | Credits   |
|--------------------------|---|-----------|
| SPAN 202A<br>or SPAN 306 | Intermediate Spanish II <sup>1</sup><br>Composition and Grammar | 3         |
| SPAN 305                 | Conversation and Grammar  | 3         |
| SPAN 415                 | Advanced Conversation <sup>2</sup>                              | 3         |
| HSCI 120                 | Medical Terminology for Health Professionals <sup>3</sup>       | 3         |
| SPAN 394                 | Spanish for Medical Purposes                                    | 3         |
| <b>Total Credits</b>     |   | <b>15</b> |

<sup>1</sup> SPAN 306 Composition and Grammar may be taken if student has proficiency beyond the Intermediate-mid level

<sup>2</sup> Optional: SPAN 000 Service Learning, 42 community hours, can be taken as part of SPAN 415

<sup>3</sup> Or experience as medical professional (established by Nursing faculty), which will reduce the credit load by 3 credits

## Affiliated Faculty

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## Certificate in Medical Spanish Program

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