

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:

Degree-seeking students who wish to enroll in the Certificate program must submit an application, a resume documenting prior experience working in a medical or healthcare setting, and have completed 60 credit hours achieving a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in undergraduate coursework.

Non-degree students may also apply by submitting the following:

- A completed application
- A resume documenting prior experience working in a medical or healthcare setting
- Confirmation of 60 completed undergraduate credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher; students with a bachelor's degree and a cumulative GPA of 2.3 or higher may petition the Program Coordinator for a waiver of the cumulative 2.5 GPA requirement
- Transcript(s) from any other college(s) previously attended
- Bio-Demographic information, Virginia In-State Tuition Form, Non-degree course registration request

Certificate Requirements

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

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

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

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

Note: Students must maintain an overall 2.5 grade-point average in certificate program courses to complete the program.

Certificate in Medical Spanish Program

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