Given the large Spanish-speaking population in the Las Vegas area, the need for current and future health care professionals to speak Spanish has never been greater. Studies show that when providers speak some Spanish, the patient-provider relationship improves, patient compliance is better, outcomes are better, and patient satisfaction is better. Knowing Spanish will help you provide better care to Spanish-speaking patients and bolster your resume if you are seeking employment or applying to graduate, professional, or medical school. Register at ced.unlv.edu/spanish-healthcare.

Spanish for Health Care Professionals I
This course is for current and future health care providers new to Spanish who want to interact in Spanish with patients. The focus is on oral communication and listening strategies, to quickly develop your ability to speak and understand Spanish in a health care setting. It presents general medical vocabulary, beginning grammar structures, pronunciation, communication strategies, and cross-cultural issues.

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Spanish for Health Care Professionals II
This course is designed for current and future health care providers with an intermediate level of Spanish who want to interact in more depth in Spanish with patients, by improving their fluency. The focus is on oral communication and listening strategies, to further develop your ability to speak and understand Spanish in a health care setting. It presents more specialized medical vocabulary, grammar structures, pronunciation, communication strategies, and cross-cultural issues.

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Las Vegas residents with limited English proficiency grew by 61 percent compared with 19.8 percent growth in the U.S. overall. More than 75 percent of this population are Spanish-speaking. Spanish is the native language of 16.2 percent of Nevadans.

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7.4% of Clark County, NV households are linguistically isolated, meaning there is no one in the household over 14 proficient in English. Linguistically isolated households may have difficulty accessing both routine and emergency medical services.

www.healthysouthernnevada.org/indicators/index/dashboard?id=140784074185270529

Spanish for Health Care Professionals III

This course is designed for current and future health care providers who speak Spanish and want to learn the specialized language of health care. In the third course of the series, you should anticipate an emphasis on advanced grammar, specialized health care vocabulary, and cultural and social aspects of medical Spanish. The course will also cover dialectal information for interacting with patients from various Spanish-speaking regions. Upon successful completion, you will be able to communicate with patients in many health care settings.

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