

Academic Plan as of spring 2017

Program Description:

The Medical Interpretation: Spanish certificate program is designed to prepare students to become certified medical interpreters so they can pursue careers in medical interpretation and translation. The classes in the Medical Interpretation: Spanish certificate program focus on the development of applied learning in a cohesive program that prepares bilingual speakers to work as medical interpreters. Emphasis is placed on understanding the problems and complexities of interpretation and the roles and responsibilities of a medical interpreter, use of pertinent medical terminology and its context, and the development of interpretation skills.

Prerequisites and Admissions Requirements:

Students must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED. Students must be fluent in both English and Spanish. To earn the Medical Interpretation: Spanish Certificate you must register in the application course LA9999B.

Program Learning Outcomes:

- Students will identify and discuss the process of translation and interpretation and differentiate between the roles of the interpreter/translator.
- Students will understand the problems and complexities of interpretation and the roles and responsibilities of a medical interpreter.
- Students will identify interpretation-related skills necessary in a medical setting.
- Students will identify, understand and use pertinent terminology representative of medical interpreting.
- Students will identify problems and apply problem-solving strategies necessary in a medical setting as a medical interpreter.
- Students will demonstrate awareness of the diverse cultural factors and linguistic sensitivity in medical interpreting.

Program Requirements:

To earn the Medical Interpretation: Spanish certificate, students must successfully complete five required courses.

Required Courses:

- Introduction to Medical Interpreting (LA1171)
- Medical Terminology & Specialties I (LA1172)
- Medical Terminology & Specialties II (LA1173)
- Medical Consecutive Interpreting (LA1174)
- Medical Simultaneous Interpreting & Sight Translation (LA1175)