

## Academic Plan as of Spring 2020

### 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 Spanish and English and must provide proof of proficiency in both languages. Acceptable documentation is listed on our website to verify proficiency. If you do not have documents from the list(s) to demonstrate proficiency, students can take the Oral Proficiency Interview by Computer (OPIc) placement exam through Language Testing International. More information can be found on our website. Once documents are accepted, students will be added to the application course 201LA9999 so registration can occur.

Students who started the program prior to August 2018 and have earned a passing grade in any of the six courses are exempt from the proficiency requirements.

### 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 four required courses.

### Required Courses:

- Introduction to Medical Interpreting (LA1171)
- Medical Terminology & Specialties I (LA1172)
- Medical Terminology & Specialties II (LA1173)

- Medical Interpreting Skills Development (LA1157)