

SPANISH FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS CERTIFICATE

Department of Modern Languages and Literatures (<https://cas.umw.edu/modernlanguages/>)

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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