

Course Descriptions

Medical Spanish Essential (MPD 121) (3.5 CEUs)

This 5-week online asynchronous course is designed for current and future health care professionals who have basic to no previous experience with Spanish language. This is the first course of a four-course certificate of Spanish for Health Professionals designed to lay the foundation for the lifetime learning of medical Spanish and cultural competence. Participants are introduced to the basic principles of Spanish necessary for working in the field of medicine and health care. Emphasis on developing conversational and written skills needed to deal with medical situations through web-based lectures, role play exercises, interactive video and audio assignments, voice recordings and dialogues. The goal of this course is to facilitate better communication between health care providers and the Spanish-speaking community. This weekly online course allows participants to proceed through the material at their own pace within defined time limits. 3.5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be awarded upon successful completion of this course.

Medical Spanish Informative (MPD 122) (3.5 CEUs)

This 5-week online asynchronous course is designed for current and future health care professionals who have minimal experience with Spanish language. This is the second course of a four-course certificate of Spanish for Health Professionals. Participants will practice practical Medical Spanish language skills needed to effectively communicate with Spanish-speaking patients and families. The course has a strong emphasis on developing conversational and written skills needed to deal with medical situations through web-based lectures, role-play exercises, dialogues, voice recordings, interactive video and audio assignments related to the clinical setting. Emphasis is placed on understanding the various language barriers that may occur with Hispanic patients and their effect on health care. This weekly online course allows participants to proceed through the material at their own pace within defined time limits. 3.5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be awarded upon successful completion of this course.

Medical Spanish Communicative (MPD 123) (3.5 CEUs)

This 5-week online asynchronous course is designed to meet the linguistic needs of health care providers in the context of a medical setting. This is the third course of a four-course certificate of Spanish for Health Professionals for those who have basic experience with Spanish language and Hispanic culture. Participants will gain a vast knowledge of medical Spanish terms, cultural aspects of medicine, and a confidence in using Spanish both spoken and written with patients and families. Participants learn to communicate in Spanish effectively through active listening, nonverbal and presentation skills through web-based lectures, role play exercises, interactive video, audio assignments and voice recordings. Emphasis is placed on understanding the various language barriers that may occur with Hispanic patients and their effect on health care. This weekly online course allows participants to proceed through the material at their own pace within defined time limits. 3.5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be awarded upon successful completion of this course.

Cultural Competence Awareness in Health Care (MPD 124) (3.5 CEUs)

Cultural competency is one of the main ingredients in closing the gap relating to disparities in health care. This 5-week online asynchronous course is designed to develop cultural awareness and sensitivity skills to help professionals provide competent health care to Hispanic and marginalized populations. The course sets out to provide a framework for discussion and examples of practical approaches to cultural competence in health care settings. Instructional approach includes online readings, audio and video lectures, group discussions and reflective journals. Throughout the course participants will examine the relationship between culture, language and health, analyze cultural sensitivity (attitude) and multicultural awareness (knowledge) in health care and develop culturally appropriate communication skills. This course is taught in English with Spanish nuances. This weekly online course allows participants to proceed through material at their own pace within defined time limits. 3.5 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be awarded upon successful completion of this course.