

MEDICAL SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Introduction

Please click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/modern-languages/>) to see Modern Languages department information.

This certificate is available to all students across the University, as well as non-degree-seeking professionals with a prior degree who are seeking to increase their skill set.

Program Delivery

- This program can be completed entirely online, or it can combine online and on-campus and/or Study Abroad classes approved by the certificate advisor.

Declaring This Certificate

- You must complete the **Application for the Certificate (available on the Department webpage)**. This requires an unofficial transcript from CU Denver showing that you are a current undergraduate student, or a copy of former transcripts indicating an undergraduate degree has been previously granted. This must be completed **prior** to completing the coursework (and applying for graduation, if you are a degree-seeking student) for the certificate.
- If you are a non-degree seeking student, you can apply by downloading and completing the Application for Non-Degree Admission online. After your application for admission has been approved, you will be able to enroll for certificate courses.

These program requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with their Spanish for the Health Professions advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

General Requirements

Students must satisfy all requirements as outlined below and by the department offering the certificate.

- Click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/>) for information about Academic Policies

Note: This certificate is for beginning Spanish speakers. More advanced speakers should pursue the Undergraduate Certificate in Spanish for Health Professions.

Certificate Requirements

1. Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours from approved courses.

2. Students must complete six upper division (3000-level and above) credit hours.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C (2.0) in all courses that apply to the certificate and must achieve a minimum cumulative certificate GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to certificate requirements.
4. Students must complete a minimum of nine credit hours from approved courses with a minimum of six SPAN credit hours, with CU Denver faculty.

Program Restrictions, Allowances and Recommendations

1. If you have questions about your level of proficiency, please see the certificate advisor for guidance regarding placement.
2. Electives with a health communication focus may be approved in consultation with certificate advisor.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete the following courses from the list: ¹		
SPAN 1070	Spanish Medical Conversation for Beginners	3
SPAN 1071	Spanish Medical Conversation for Beginners II	3
Complete two electives from the following list of courses: ²		
ANTH 4300	Immigrant Health	6
ETST 3002	Ethnicity, Health and Social Justice	
ETST 3108	Chicano/a and Latino/a History	
ETST 3704	Culture, Racism and Alienation	
HDFR 4040	Latino Families in School and Communities	
HDFR 4045	Abuelos (Grandparents) Latino Families	
PSYC 4485	Psychology of Cultural Diversity	
SOCY 3440	Medical Sociology	
SOCY 4050	Health Disparities	
SOCY 4110	Sociology of Health Care	
Total Hours		12

- ¹ SPAN 1070 Spanish Medical Conversation for Beginners and SPAN 1071 Spanish Medical Conversation for Beginners II should be consecutive. All other classes are more flexible.
- ² Some courses may have prerequisites that apply.

Other electives may be approved for the Certificate in consultation with the advisor.

Learning Spanish requires constant practice of the five skills involved in second language acquisition: speaking and listening, writing, reading, and cultural knowledge. All coursework, assessments and learning outcomes designed for this program align seamlessly with the steady improvement of these five skills.

At the end of the program, students will be able to:

1. Communicate with their patients in Spanish in a culturally sensitive way.

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2. Write in Spanish, using the learned medical vocabulary in appropriate contexts. Write questions, instructions, prescriptions, diagnoses, etc., in Spanish.
3. Read and comprehend Spanish articles related to the Healthcare field.
4. Express an understanding of the cultural beliefs and social structures that affect men's and women's health in Latin America and the USA.