### SPANISH FOR THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS 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.

The Undergraduate Certificate in Spanish for the Healthcare Professions seeks to facilitate effective communication between healthcare professionals and their Spanish speaking patients and clients. To enhance mutual understanding, which is of critical importance within a healthcare setting, students will learn to speak, comprehend, read, and write in Spanish, with a focus on specialized vocabulary and medical communication, and will acquire intercultural competence.

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.

- For questions about the Spanish for the Health Professions certificate program contact Dr. Marisa Fernández (maria.fernandezmartinez@ucdenver.edu).

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.

#### Certificate Requirements

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

2. Students must complete six SPAN 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.

#### Certificate 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
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| SPAN 3740 | Spanish for the Healthcare Professions I | 3
| or SPAN 5740 | Spanish for the Healthcare Professions I | 3
| SPAN 3750 | Spanish for the Healthcare Professions II | 3
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Complete two courses from the following list of electives. 1

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Another elective course with a health communication focus may be approved in consultation with the certificate advisor.

Total Hours 12

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Some courses may have prerequisites that apply.

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.
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.