

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.

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

Program Requirements

- Students must complete a minimum of 12 credit hours from approved courses.
- Students must complete six SPAN upper division (3000-level and above) credit hours.
- 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. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the certificate GPA. Courses taken using P +/-P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to certificate requirements.
- 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

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

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Complete the following program requirements, according to your entering Spanish proficiency level:</i> ¹		
<i>A. If your level of Spanish proficiency is elementary/beginner:</i> ²		
<i>Complete the following four courses:</i>		
SPAN 1070	Spanish Medical Conversation for Beginners	
SPAN 2070	Spanish Medical Conversation for Beginners II	
SPAN 3740	Spanish for the Healthcare Professions I	
SPAN 3750	Spanish for the Healthcare Professions II	
<i>B. If your level of Spanish proficiency is intermediate or higher:</i>		
<i>Complete both of the following required Spanish courses:</i>		
SPAN 3740	Spanish for the Healthcare Professions I	
SPAN 3750	Spanish for the Healthcare Professions II	
<i>Complete six credits from the following elective courses:</i> ³		
ANTH 4300	Migrant Health	
COMM 2500	Introduction to Health Communication	
COMM 4270	Intercultural Communication *	
COMM 4500	Health Communication *	
COMM 4525	Health Communication and Community (*)	
COMM 4575	Designing Health Messages *	
ETST 2108	Introduction to Chicanx and Latinx Studies	
ETST 3002	Ethnicity, Health and Social Justice	
ETST 3108	Chicano/a and Latino/a History	
HDFR 3020	Black and Latino Children in Families and Schools	
HDFR 4045	Abuelos (Grandparents) Latino Families	
HDFR 4260	Family Systems and Social Justice	

PBHL 3041	Health, Culture and Society
PBHL 3070	Perspectives in Global Health *
PSYC 4485	Psychology of Cultural Diversity (*)
SOCY 4050	Health Disparities
SOCY 4110	Sociology of Health Care (*)
Another elective course with a health communication focus may be approved in consultation with the certificate advisor.	
Total Hours	12

¹ If you haven't taken any classes here at CU Denver, take the placement test. You will take it in our Modern Languages Language Lab (Plaza 115). Just walk in and ask to take the test. The test results will show which level you have tested into.

² SPAN 1070 Spanish Medical Conversation for Beginners and SPAN 2070 Spanish Medical Conversation for Beginners II should be consecutive. All other classes are more flexible.

³ Some courses may have prerequisites that apply.

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website (<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/modLang/programs/certificate-spanish-international-business/>).