

SPANISH FOR HEALTHCARE, CERTIFICATE

Requirements for an undergraduate certificate may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the certificate.

Program Description

A Certificate in Spanish for Healthcare will benefit the students of Penn State who wish to enhance their speaking, reading, writing, and translating skills to use as professionals in healthcare, human services, and other professional fields. This certificate complements the Spanish minor and major, many other existing degree programs throughout Penn State, and Continuing Education programs. The Certificate in Spanish for Healthcare may be started and/or completed at any Penn State location offering the required courses. The Certificate is available to all students, regardless of whether they are in a major, minor, associate degree, 2+2 program, C.E. program, or are non-degree-seeking students. Upon completing the Certificate in Spanish for Healthcare, given that the four-course sequence is started with at least a 12-credit proficiency level, students should be able to: 1) Communicate (speak, read, write) in Spanish in healthcare settings at an intermediate to advanced level (depending on each student's background) and translate basic (non-specialized) documents accurately; 2) Employ knowledge of specialized healthcare terminology and services relevant to their particular fields; and 3) Recognize cultural practice, apply cultural knowledge, and practice cultural humility in healthcare settings, while considering regional differences in Hispanic cultures and cultural identities.

What is Spanish for Healthcare?

Spanish for Healthcare is a growing field that aims to increase your competence in using the Spanish language (speaking, writing, reading, translating) while working in a variety of healthcare and human services professions. Learning how to use Spanish on a professional level can complement a broad range of disciplines such as education, health sciences, human/social services, business, communication, international relations, and many others.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You enjoy learning about world cultures and languages.
- You want to use Spanish in your future profession.
- Your major is related to international studies, communication, education, business, human/social services, science, or healthcare.
- You have some experience with Spanish, but need more training to use it professionally.
- You are a native, heritage, or bilingual speaker of Spanish and want to refine your communication skills.
- You are passionate about equal access to healthcare services.