

CERTIFICATE IN MEDICAL SPANISH

The undergraduate Certificate in Medical Spanish is designed for students who are preparing for a career in healthcare, as well as for practicing professionals in these and related fields. It is intended to develop intermediate-advanced-level, field-specific communication skills in Spanish. The courses in the certificate have a systematic focus on relevant linguistic and intercultural competence development aimed to provide students with the skills necessary for effective communication in health and medical contexts. The certificate adopts a practical, task-based approach to language learning and instruction.

Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of the certificate, students will be able to:

- 1. Describe and evaluate key health conditions and healthcare practices in the U.S. and Latin America, including system structures, attitudes toward preventative care, and the role of traditional medicine.
- 2. Analyze the impact of social, cultural, and linguistic factors on healthcare access and communication for Spanish-speaking populations.
- 3. Exhibit intermediate-advanced proficiency in medical Spanish for clinical interviews and interactions.
- 4. Communicate effectively in Spanish in healthcare/medical contexts.
- 5. Demonstrate intercultural awareness and adaptability by recognizing bias, avoiding stereotypes, and practicing empathy, openness, and self-awareness.

Requirements Effective Fall 2026

Additional coursework may be required due to prerequisites.

Code	Title	Credits
LSPA 346A	Medical Spanish: An Overview	3
LSPA 346B	Medical Spanish: Clinical Tasks	3
LSPA 444	The Intercultural Workplace	3
Program Total Credits:		9