

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 Berks who wish to enhance their speaking, reading, writing, and translating skills to use as professionals in various Healthcare and Human Services fields. This certificate will complement Penn State Berks' Spanish minor, several other existing bachelor's degrees throughout Penn State, and Continuing Education programs. The certificate in Spanish for Healthcare may be started and/or completed at Penn State Berks or any other Penn State location offering these courses. The certificate can be completed in conjunction with a major or minor in Spanish, but will be available to all students, regardless of whether they are in a major, minor, associate degree, 2+2 program, or are non-degree seeking students. Upon completing the certificate in Spanish for Healthcare, given that students begin the four-course sequence with at least a 12-credit proficiency level, they 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 identity.

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 services, international relations, and many others.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You enjoy learning about cultures and languages.
- You are interested in being able to use the Spanish language for your future job.
- You have a major related to global or international studies, communication, education, or languages.
- Your major is related to human services, science, or healthcare.
- You have some experience learning Spanish but need more instruction to use it in the real world.
- You are a native, heritage, or bilingual speaker of Spanish and want to refine your communication skills.
- You enjoy thinking between languages or learning new ones.
- You are passionate about equal access to healthcare.