

MODERN LANGUAGES - BASIC SPANISH FOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL

The aim of this certificate is to provide health care workers with the necessary skills to communicate more effectively in Spanish with their patients. The curriculum includes two courses, Basic Spanish: Medical Personnel I and II. In these courses students learn the basic Spanish communication skills and grammar necessary to provide care and attention to Spanish-speaking patients in a variety of medical settings. In addition to workplace Spanish language, discussions cover cultural issues pertinent to the relationships between health care providers and Hispanic patients, parents or relatives, and community members.

Entrance Requirements

None

Program Requirements

None

- Speak, read, listen, and comprehend the Spanish language in basic/conversational written and verbal forms, with emphasis on medical terminology and healthcare interactions.
- Demonstrate appropriate usage of grammar patterns and pronunciation habits.
- Communicate in spoken and written Spanish to patients and members of the healthcare team in medical environments.
- Discuss topics of contemporary Hispanic life and culture as related to medical and healthcare situations such as women and children's health, diet, disease, and interactions with the American healthcare system.

Basic Spanish for Medical Personnel - Basic Vocational Specialist

Course	Title	Credits
SPN 171	Basic Spanish: Medical Personnel I	3
SPN 172	Basic Spanish: Medical Personnel II	3
Total Credit Hours		6

Spanish Courses

SPN 101 Elementary Spanish I, SPN 102 Elementary Spanish II, SPN 201 Intermediate Spanish I, and SPN 202 Intermediate Spanish II require that students contact the Spanish coordinator in order to gain proficiency credits.

SPN 202 Intermediate Spanish II, SPN 251 Spanish for Spanish Speakers I, or SPN 271 Latin American Civilization may be used to fulfill the humanities requirement for the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Associate in Fine Arts, and Associate in Engineering Science degrees.

All SPN courses numbered 100 and above may be used to fulfill the liberal education requirement for the Associate of Applied Science degree.

All SPN courses numbered 100 and above may be applied to the major field and elective requirement for the AA and AS degrees.

SPN 171 Basic Spanish: Medical Personnel I (3) 3,0

Teaches the basic Spanish communication skills and grammar necessary to provide care and attention to Spanish-speaking patients in a variety of medical settings such as the medical office, the hospital, and others. In addition to workplace Spanish language, discussions cover cultural issues pertinent to the relationships between health care providers and Hispanic patients, parents or relatives, and community members. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: \$414 (effective 2025/26 academic year)

In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.

Prerequisite: None Recommended: Students interested in additional general grammar instruction may concurrently enroll in SPN 101 or higher

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

SPN 172 Basic Spanish: Medical Personnel II (3) 3,0

Continuation of Spanish for Medical Personnel I, with emphasis on more advanced speaking and writing communication skills. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$414 (effective 2025/26 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Grade of C or better SPN 101 or SPN 171 Recommended: Students interested in additional general grammar instruction may concurrently enroll in SPN 102 or higher

Semester(s) Offered: Varies