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MEDICAL SPANISH



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MEDICAL SPANISH MINOR

The Medical Spanish Minor offers students the opportunity to develop the language skills and cultural awareness necessary for working with Spanish-speaking individuals in healthcare and human services settings. It complements a wide range of programs, including:

- Nursing/Pre-Health
- Public Health
- Kinesiology
- Social Work
- Psychology
- Biology/Pre-Med

The minor is open to any student interested in conversational Spanish for health and human services.

Learning Objectives

- Develop basic, intermediate and advanced Spanish medical terminology, medical interpreting and translation skills.
- Develop awareness of the critical intersections among language proficiency, cultural dexterity, and the health and human services professions, especially as related to Spanish-speaking patients and their providers in the U.S.
- Strengthen intercultural competence and communication to better serve Spanish-speaking clients or patients.
- Help ensure there is a critical mass of health and human services professionals within the California workforce to serve the Spanish-speaking populations.
- Participate in a service-learning internship at a local health agency.

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Why minor in Medical Spanish?

Historic, economic, and socio-political factors have contributed to the steady increase in the nation's Hispanic population, making the U.S. home to one of the largest Spanish-speaking populations world-wide.

55.5% of Kern County identifies as Hispanic/Latinx (U.S. Census) and 40.5% speak Spanish at home. By 2050, projections show 52% of California will be Latinx/Hispanic.

Language barriers in healthcare delivery are a serious concern, and the need for culturally and linguistically appropriate services remains constant.

The Medical Spanish minor provides a thoughtful course of study that equips health and human services professionals to meet such demands.

A minor in Medical Spanish will augment your professional training and employment competitiveness.



MINOR IN MEDICAL SPANISH

Take 5 of the following:

Lower Division Requirements

- SPAN 2020 Spanish 1 for Fluent Speakers²
- SPAN 2050 Spanish for Health Professions²

Upper Division Requirements

- SPAN 3000 Advanced Language Skills¹
- SPAN 3180 Advanced Spanish for Health and Human Services¹
- SPAN 4200 Translation & Interpretation
- SPAN 4860 Spanish Internships¹

¹ Required for program completion.

² Or equivalent by way of transfer, AP, or placement exam credit.



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