

Certificate

Spanish for Health Professionals Certificate

The Spanish for Health Professionals Certificate is a flexible, online, asynchronous program designed to equip students and professionals with specialized Spanish language skills, vocabulary, and cultural knowledge for use in the professional field of health care. The program accommodates both beginners and students with prior Spanish experience, offering foundational courses followed by content-specific courses tailored to this professional context. The certificate provides an accessible pathway for career advancement, continuing education, or professional skill enhancement.

Requirements

Students who don't have a Spanish proficiency level of Intermediate Low (on the ACTFL scale) must complete 1-2 prerequisite courses (depending on proficiency placement test results) before taking the Core courses for the certificate. Students with a required Spanish proficiency level of Intermediate Low may immediately start taking the Core courses.

Prerequisites *

SPAN 140	Introductory Spanish for Health Professionals I	3
SPAN 240	Introductory Spanish for Health Professionals II	3
Total Credit Hours		6

* Prerequisites are not counted in the certificate GPA.

Core Courses **

SPAN 245	Spanish for Health Professions	3
SPAN 305	Medical Spanish I	3
SPAN 315	Medical Spanish II	3
SPAN 369	Practicum	3
Total Credit Hours		12

** Students must pass SPAN 245 before taking any of the 300-level courses. In most cases, SPAN 305 should be taken before SPAN 315. SPAN 315 can be taken before SPAN 305 only with permission of the instructor. SPAN 305 and SPAN 315 can be taken simultaneously only with permission of the instructor. SPAN 369 cannot be taken until all three of the other Core courses (SPAN 245, SPAN 305, and SPAN 315) have been passed.

Requirements for the award of the certificate are: an overall grade point average of 2.0 or above in all courses specified as a requirement for the certificate and completion of a minimum of six hours in upper-level courses required for the certificate through courses offered by Old Dominion University.