

Undergraduate Certificate in Spanish in Healthcare

Advising Sheet

Required Course: HSP 339 (by placement—interview or placement exam—or after earning credit for SPA 301, and SPA 302 or SPA 303)

Besides the required course, students need to complete 9 more credits from any other more advanced HSP courses, approved study abroad coursework (3 to 6 credits), or LAN 425 (3 to 6 credits).

Total: 12 credits of HSP coursework or other approved courses.

After students complete HSP 339, they may complete the certificate by taking more advanced HSP courses, approved internships (LAN 425, between 3 and 6 credits), or study abroad programs approved by advising as transfer courses (between 3 and 6 credits of approved “T” grades).

Please note: Students who complete individualized instruction, independent study, or study abroad courses will have a note added to the Degree Progress Report.

	HSP Course	Semester	Grade
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*Students must earn a grade of C or better in all courses.

Available courses and course descriptions:

HSP 339 – Advanced Spanish for Healthcare Professionals (SE) (by placement—interview or placement exam—or after earning credit for SPA 301, and SPA 302 or SPA 303)

This course will prepare students with medical and other discipline-specific terminology and interview materials in Spanish, that will facilitate communication with patients, clients, students, and their family members. This class will also discuss the factors contributing to healthcare disparities concerning the Latinx population in Pennsylvania, the region, and the US, and ways to provide accessible, effective, culturally appropriate, and linguistically appropriate healthcare services.

HSP 381 – Health and the Hispanic Community (prerequisite: HSP 339)

This course will review cultural commonalities in how Hispanic people approach healthcare in Latin America and the US, as well as regional particularities. It will also discuss approaches to healthcare across the region, so that students are prepared to understand how different populations may relate and understand their access to health.

HSP 440 – Hispanic Health Humanities (prerequisite: HSP 381)

The course will be a survey of literary texts, film, and other objects that relate to topics that can be analyzed from the perspective of the health humanities. Students will have to reflect, too, about their own relationship with these texts and their life experiences (including service learning and internships) as healthcare providers, patients, or caretakers. There will be a major interview project as well.

HSP 450 – Integrating Spanish in Healthcare within an Interdisciplinary Framework (HSP 381)

This course will ask students to integrate, following an interdisciplinary research process, their work in Spanish courses and their health-related concentration, other minors, and general education coursework. Students will work on an interdisciplinary healthcare-related research project and other projects aimed at improving their interviewing skills from a Health Humanities perspective. Students will work using the interdisciplinary research process methodology, which asks them to identify a problem that cannot be fixed solely from a disciplinary perspective, integrating different fields of work with their own experience in a creative way.

LAN 425 – Internship in Modern Languages (3 – 6 credits)

A structured and supervised experience for students wishing to enhance their language study directly in the workplace. Credits earned are based on time spent on the job. For approval, students must apply to the department chair or language section coordinator. Completion of HSP 339 required before completing this course for the Certificate.

Approved Study Abroad Courses (3 – 6 credits) – HSP 339 must have been completed to complete this option.