Allied Health

Medical Interpreter Certificate

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites	Semester Offered	Semester Taken	Grade Earned
BIT103	Medical Terminology	3	ENL020 & ENL050 or satisfactory basic skills assessment score	Fall, Spring, Summer		
BIO105	Survey of Anatomy and Physiology	4	MAT020, ENL020, & ENL050 or satisfactory basic skills assessment scores	Fall, Spring, Summer		
MIN101	Medical Interpreter I	3	ENL020 & ENL050 or satisfactory basic skills assessment score or ESL201 & target language assessment conducted at the 1st class session			
MIN102	Medical Interpreter II	3	BIT103 & MIN101 with a grade of C or higher			
MIN200	Medical Interpreter Practicum*	3	MIN102; co-requisite: BIO105			
Total Credits		16				

Allied Health Certificate Admission Requirements

Admission into the Allied Health certificates requires that the applicant attend an information session and have an interview. Students must also meet all health requirements (Immunization Requirements) and pass a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) and Sex Offender Record Information (SORI) check. To remain in these programs a student must maintain a 75% average in the required courses, a satisfactory clinical evaluation, and adhere to the attendance policy.

Overview

Medical Interpreters enable accurate cross-cultural communication of information from one language to another in healthcare contexts. “Interpreters strive to render the message accurately, conveying the content and spirit of the original message taking into consideration the cultural context” (National Council on Interpreting in Healthcare Inc., 2005). Fluency in English and one or more target languages such as Portuguese and Spanish is required as well as sensitivity to the cultures associated with the target language.

Career Outlook

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Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the Medical Interpreter Certificate, students are able to:

- Accurately transmit information in the source language of healthcare professionals and the target language of patients and family members.
- Adhere to the ethical code of recognized medical interpreter organizations**.
- Execute the role of medical interpreter according to established standards of practice.
- Function as a cross-cultural broker to promote culturally and linguistically competent healthcare to patients and families with limited English language proficiency.

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*MIN200 participants in a clinical site practicum must meet all immunization requirements and pass CORI/SORI checks. Please refer to the policy statements of Immunization Requirements and Criminal Offender Record Information and Sex Offender Registry Information.

**Standards reference the National Council on Interpreting in Healthcare (NCIHC).