SPANISH FOR HEALTHCARE, CERTIFICATE

Program Description

A certificate in Spanish for Healthcare will benefit the students of Penn State Berks who wish to enhance their speaking, reading, writing, and translating skills to use as professionals in various Healthcare and Human Services fields. This certificate will complement Penn State Berks’ Spanish minor, several other existing bachelor’s degrees throughout Penn State, and Continuing Education programs. The certificate in Spanish for Healthcare may be started and/or completed at Penn State Berks or any other Penn State location offering these courses. The certificate can be completed in conjunction with a major or minor in Spanish, but will be available to all students, regardless of whether they are in a major, minor, associate degree, 2+2 program, or are non-degree seeking students. Upon completing the certificate in Spanish for Healthcare, given that students begin the four-course sequence with at least a 12-credit proficiency level, they should be able to: 1) Communicate (speak, read, write) in Spanish in healthcare settings at an intermediate to advanced level (depending on each student’s background) and translate basic (non-specialized) documents accurately; 2) Employ knowledge of specialized healthcare terminology and services relevant to their particular fields; and 3) Recognize cultural practice, apply cultural knowledge, and practice cultural humility in healthcare settings, while considering regional differences in Hispanic cultures and cultural identity.