

# Medical Spanish Interpreter



## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Everett Community College's Health Sciences Department offers a 10-credit department certificate in Medical Spanish Interpreter. The program covers the medical vocabulary, phraseology, and expressions necessary to translate the most common medical signs, symptoms, and illness-related terminology used during patient-provider interactions. Students will be trained in the linguistic skills required of medical interpreters to successfully perform their interpreting duties in a medical setting. Native-like fluency in both Spanish and English is required. It is highly recommended that HLTH 100, Medical Terminology, be taken prior to HLTH 160, Medical Interpreting – Spanish.

Persons who successfully complete these two classes with a grade of 2.0 or higher will receive a department certificate in Medical Spanish Interpreter.

HLTH 100, Medical Terminology, is offered quarterly in both traditional and online format. HLTH 160, Medical Interpreting – Spanish, is offered annually in the Spring Quarter.

Medical Interpreters provide a vital function in the health care setting. They bridge the gap between the healthcare provider and the patient, striving to improve communication so that optimal patient care can be given. The role of the Medical Spanish Interpreter includes cultural advocacy as well as English-Spanish and Spanish-English translation. The person taking this program is one who seeks excellence in communication, who has native-like fluency in both English and Spanish, and one who either works in or seeks to work in a healthcare facility that serves a multicultural clientele. That individual might be employed as a Medical Spanish Interpreter specifically, or as a patient care provider where skill in translation is a plus.

## COURSES

Health 100 – Medical Terminology, 5 credits  
Health 160 – Medical Interpreting – Spanish, 5 credits

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## HOW TO REGISTER

Submit college application materials to Enrollment Services. Contact the Health Sciences Department for additional information @ 425-388-9461.

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- Nursing
- Medical Assistant
- Phlebotomy Technician

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