HEALTHCARE INTERPRETATION

Certificate Program

Courses:

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1. Fundamentals of Interpretation and Translation
2. The Role of the Healthcare Interpreter
3. Medical Terminology, Anatomy and Physiology
4. Healthcare Interpreting I
5. Healthcare Interpreting II

Time Commitment:

8-10 Months

Our sequential cohort model lets you plan ahead for your certificate program and complete it over one academic year, about 33 weeks, depending on the time between courses and holidays.

Approximate Cost:

$2,110

When you invest in us, you can do it knowing we’ve invested in you as well, with instructors who are leaders in their fields and a comprehensive, hands-on curriculum that will help you make a successful transition from the classroom to the next step of your career.

* This is an approximate cost of completing the certificate program at 2016-2017 tuition rates. Tuition is subject to change at any time without further notice.

Polish your professional people skills

As the need for healthcare interpreters continues to increase, the demand for interpreters with a higher level of skill and expertise will increase as well. To meet that need, our comprehensive healthcare interpretation program goes above and beyond, covering all three commonly used forms of interpretation as well as ethics, linguistics and business practices. You’ll even learn medical terminology and anatomy, so there’s no medical background required.

Our instructors are leaders in their fields with years of experience as directors of interpreting services at leading Orange County healthcare facilities. They’ll use their expertise, along with the latest language lab technology, to boost your language skills and then put them to the test in simulated medical scenarios.

Ready to take the next step?
You can learn more and apply for the program at extension.fullerton.edu/hc-interpretation.

Questions?
Program Coordinator Veronica Martinez will be happy to speak with you; she can be reached at (657) 278-3123 or vmartinez@fullerton.edu.
**COURSE SUMMARIES**

**Fundamentals of Interpretation and Translation**
This course will enable individuals to acquire the skills needed to translate a particular document, recognize linguistic problems encountered in interpretation and translation, contrast similarities between Spanish and English, conduct basic research, and demonstrate good business practices and ethics in doing interpretation and translation.

**The Role of the Healthcare Interpreter**
An overview of the American healthcare system and how interpreters function in a variety of health care settings will help participants learn and define the interpreter’s role, responsibilities, and boundaries.

**Medical Terminology, Anatomy and Physiology**
This class is designed for individuals with minimal or no medical background who want to develop a working knowledge of medical terminology and gain a basic understanding of related anatomy and physiology to function effectively when interpreting in a health care setting. Individuals will learn to identify root words, prefixes and suffixes and combined forms of English and Spanish medical terms.

**Healthcare Interpreting I**
Individuals will be able to apply their knowledge of healthcare interpreting and its related-terminology as they begin to develop and practice techniques for sight translation and consecutive interpreting. An overview of sight translation and focused practice interpreting various forms of medical correspondence will reinforce the role of sight translation in healthcare interpreting.

**Healthcare Interpreting II**
Building on the skills developed in Healthcare Interpreting I, this class provides further practice of the consecutive mode with consideration to simultaneous interpretation. Medical and healthcare topics will vary according to linguistic complexity, and participants will interpret short and long pieces of discourse with a variety of registers to develop fluency and speed of interpreting skills.