



Medical Spanish

Medical Spanish is a specialized conversational Spanish course designed for health professionals and health care providers who need to communicate with Spanish-speaking patients. In this course, students will explore a series of dialogues, exercises, vocabulary building strategies, and cultural notes in order to better communicate with their Spanish-speaking patients in a wide variety of health care fields. Technical material, medical terminology, and grammatical terms are fully integrated into the course. Students will learn to explain procedures, medications, and diagnoses when faced with a number of medical situations involving Spanish-speaking patients and their families.

Course Section	Sample Themes
Where does it hurt?	Common ailments. Cultural note: the Spanish language.
How are you feeling?	Describing how someone feels, places in the hospital, telling where something is located, physical description, the family.
The body	The human body. Titles and direct address. Tests and procedures.
Food and nutrition	Foods and nutrition. Cultural note: Hispanic cuisine. What is he/she complaining about?
What time is it?	Parts of the head. Expressions of time. Cultural note: herbal medicine.
Contagious diseases and clinical histories	Diseases and ailments. Recovery. Cultural note: folk medicine. Common commands for the Examining Room.
In the hospital	The organs. How to say you like something. Sleep. Illnesses in the hospital.
The Emergency Room	Emergency situations. Cultural note: honor and pride. Discussing symptoms.
Drugs and alcoholism	Drugs and alcohol. Drugs and the Emergency Room. Cultural note: drug-related jargon.
Maternity	Pregnancy. Vocabulary focus: contraception. Cultural note: the midwife in Hispanic culture.
Postnatal care and pediatrics	Postnatal care. Pediatrics. Childhood diseases and vaccinations. Cultural note: the importance of names.
Chronic illnesses and degenerative diseases	Cancer. AIDS. Discussing chronic illnesses. Cultural note: Arabic influence on the Spanish language.
Tests and procedures	Anesthesiology. Common medical tests and diagnostic procedures. Cultural note: superstitions in Hispanic culture.
The dentist, the physical therapist, and the optometrist	Dentists and dentistry. Physical therapy. Optometry and the optometrist. Cultural note: Latinos in the hospital settings.