

The certificate program consists of 17 units made up of hybrid courses.

Lower Division (8 units)	SPAN 6A SPAN 6B	Intermediate Spanish for Professionals I & II
Upper Division (6 units)	SPAN 121 SPAN 159	Spanish & Cultures of Latin America for the Professions
Practicum (3 units)	SPAN 195	Internship field Experience

*** SPAN 6A and 6B fulfill FL Graduation Requirement

- SPAN 6A offered in Fall
- SPAN 6B offered in Spring
- SPAN 121 offered in Fall
- SPAN 159 offered in Spring
- SPAN 195 offered every summer (100 hrs. practicum)

Note: Only approved sections of the courses count toward the certificate. Consult program coordinator

Internship Options:

1. Local option in Sacramento primarily serving Spanish-speaking communities.
2. International option may be available.

*CSUS students need only 6 more units for a Spanish minor.

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Purpose of this Certificate

- The Certificate Program in Healthcare Spanish for Students in Health-Related Majors is designed to prepare students in the healthcare fields to serve the growing Spanish-speaking population in California.
- The courses focus on medical-related terminology and cross-dialectal and cross-cultural variation within Latin American and U.S. Spanish.
- The courses have an emphasis on culturally appropriate communication and interaction.

Who Should Participate?

- Campus Students in health-related majors can participate in the program by getting permission from the certificate coordinator. Note: cannot substitute any courses.
- Working professionals in health-related fields—both in community and clinical health work—can participate through the College of Continuing Education (CCE) program.
- **Application requirements:** Good academic standing and successful completion of three years of high school Spanish with a grade of "C-" or better or instructor permission.

The Program

The Certificate Program in Healthcare Spanish (HEALS) for students in health-related majors and healthcare professionals was developed as a collaboration between Sacramento State (in Northern California) and California State University, San Bernardino (in Southern California).

This program addresses the urgent need for linguistically and culturally prepared healthcare workers serving the rapidly growing largest minority group in the state: Spanish-speaking peoples. This certificate aims to improve your Spanish proficiency level and provides an intercultural experience.



Why Healthcare Spanish?

- Enhance your *résumé*.
- The Spanish-speaking population is the fastest growing population in California today.
- Cultural sensitivity and effective communication are top priority for Spanish-speakers when meeting with a health care provider. Common language (and culture) between patient and physician can increase levels of trust and comfort.¹
- Assuring access to care and care of quality is vitally important to the well being of our state.



¹ Binational Healthweek 2011 Campaign Guide.
www.binationalhealthweek.org