

UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SPANISH- ENGLISH MEDICAL INTERPRETING

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/english-rhetoric-spanish/undergraduate-program/>

The Undergraduate Certificate in Spanish-English Medical Interpreting trains, qualifies, and provides clinical experience in Spanish-English medical interpreting. Students will complete the Garcia-Shilling Language Proficiency Assessment for Medical Professional certification as part of the program and will be considered qualified bilingual medical Spanish-English translators upon completion.

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills prepare students for success in a variety of professional settings. Developed through academic coursework, co-curricular engagement, and extracurricular involvement, these skills include communication, critical thinking, teamwork, ethical reasoning, adaptability, and digital literacy. Whether directly related to a student's major or serving as complementary strengths, marketable skills enhance career readiness and reflect TWU's commitment to producing graduates who are prepared to thrive in today's dynamic workforce.

- Accurately represent the needs of Spanish-speaking patients to medical staff.
- Accurately translate doctor and nurse instructions to patients in Spanish.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>). The following degrees have additional secondary admission criteria:

In addition, advanced-mid proficiency must be attained before taking the medical interpreting courses. A minimum score of 80% on the Garcia Shilling Language Proficiency Assessment for Medical Professionals must be met before completing the internship course. Foundational coursework that can prepare a student for the proficiency test includes SPAN 1013, SPAN 1023, SPAN 2033, SPAN 2043.

To apply for a certificate program, students must complete an Undergraduate Certification Declaration form (<https://twu.edu/registrar/forms/>) with their advisor and submit it to the Registrar's Office (<https://twu.edu/registrar/>).

Certificate Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Foundational Spanish Proficiency Courses (may be waived)		
SPAN 1013	Elementary Spanish I	
SPAN 1023	Elementary Spanish II	
SPAN 2033	Intermediate Spanish I	
SPAN 2043	Intermediate Spanish II	
Required Coursework		

SPAN 3153	Advanced Grammar	3
SPAN 3163	Spanish Composition	3
SPAN 3173	Spanish for Professions	3
SPAN 3273	Spanish for the Professions II	3
SPAN 4951	Medical Translation and Interpretation Internship	1
Total SCHs		13