

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SPANISH TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETING (MEDICAL)

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/english-rhetoric-spanish/undergraduate-program/ba-in-spanish-translation-and-interpreting-medical/>

The B.A. in Spanish Translation and Interpreting Medical track trains students to be qualified bilingual medical professionals with opportunities to develop professional experience. Emphasis is placed on managing bilingual doctor-patient communication in accordance with national ethical principles and standards of practice for interpreters in healthcare. There is a growing need for qualified medical interpreters and translators, and few programs that address this need. TWU's program provides the necessary language and medical interpreter training, requires each student to take a test to receive a state-wide qualification, and provides every student with 150 internship hours before graduation. The program provides students with the skills necessary to work as qualified bilingual medical professionals in hospital and clinical settings.

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.

1. Incorporate emerging technologies to manage the doctor-patient relationship in Spanish and English in a variety of healthcare settings.
2. Work collaboratively as part of a multidisciplinary medical team to increase cultural awareness of alternative medical practices, preventing bias, providing uniform quality health care, and ensuring patient safety.
3. Apply ethical principles to provide bilingual leadership in promoting both patient and self-advocacy, cultural awareness, and social justice within the health care system.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 120

Major: 48 SCH; **Required Minor:** 18 SCH

Program Code: SPANTRANTR.BA.MED ; **CIP Code:** 16.0103.00

Texas Core Curriculum

Course	Title	Credits
ENG 1013	Composition I (10)	3
ENG 1023	Composition II (10)	3

Mathematics (20)		3
Life & Physical Sciences (30)		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture (40)		3
Creative Arts (50)		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865 (60)	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present (60)	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government (70)	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government (70)	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (80)		3
CAO: Multicultural-Women's Studies (90)		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics (91)		3
Total SCHs		42

Major Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
SPAN 1013	Elementary Spanish I	3
SPAN 1023	Elementary Spanish II	3
SPAN 2033	Intermediate Spanish I	3
SPAN 2043	Intermediate Spanish II	3
or SPAN 2313	Intermediate Spanish for Heritage Speakers	
SPAN 3073	Advanced Spanish Conversation	3
or SPAN 3303	Advanced Spanish for Heritage Speakers	
SPAN 3153	Advanced Grammar	3
SPAN 3163	Spanish Composition	3
SPAN 3313	Foundations of Translation	3
SPAN 3323	Foundations of Interpreting	3
SPAN 4173	Medical Translation and Interpreting I	3
SPAN 4203	Latin American Women Writers and Filmmakers	3
SPAN 4213	Spanish Linguistics	3
SPAN 4273	Medical Translation and Interpreting II	3
SPAN 4303	Latin American Literature, Film, and Culture	3
SPAN 4923	Capstone in Spanish	3
SPAN 4953	Internship	3
Total SCHs		48

Minor

A minor with a minimum of 18 SCH is required. Students must select from the following Minors (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/minors-certificates/>).

- Health Psychology
- Child Development
- Early Childhood Intervention
- Family Studies
- English
- Clinical Applications Health Informatics
- Race and Ethnic Studies
- Health Studies
- Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies Minor
- Neuroscience
- Scientific Illustration

Electives

Students must complete 120 SCH of coursework. Depending on the minor selected, the remaining coursework is elective and should be selected in consultation with their advisor.

Proficiency Testing

Advanced-mid proficiency must be attained before taking the interpreting courses. Students must take a professional assessment that is approved by the program director before they can enroll in the internship course. Preference will be placed on a test that offers national certification in medical interpreting. Depending on their scores, students will be placed in an internship that fits their individual interpreting/translation abilities and career interests. Foundational coursework for the proficiency test includes SPAN 1013, SPAN 1023, SPAN 2033, and SPAN 2043

Plan of Study

First Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
SPAN 1013	Elementary Spanish I	SPAN 1411	3
ENG 1013	Composition I	ENGL 1301	3
UNIV 1231	First-Year Seminar: Learning Frameworks	EDUC 1100, EDUC 1200, EDUC 1300	1
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	HIST 1301	3
Life & Physical Sciences Core			3
Mathematics Core			3
SCHs			16
Spring		TCCN	
SPAN 1023	Elementary Spanish II	SPAN 1412	3
ENG 1023	Composition II	ENGL 1302	3
CAO: Women's Studies			3
Language, Philosophy, & Culture Core			3
Minor/Elective			3
SCHs			15

Second Year

Fall		TCCN	
SPAN 2033	Intermediate Spanish I	SPAN 2311	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences Core			3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	HIST 1302	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3
CAO: Wellness or Mathematics			2
Minor/Elective			3
SCHs			17
Spring		TCCN	
SPAN 2043 or 2313	Intermediate Spanish II or Intermediate Spanish for Heritage Speakers	SPAN 2312	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
Life & Physical Sciences Core			3
Creative Arts Core			3
Minor/Elective			3
SCHs			15

Third Year

Fall		TCCN	
SPAN 3073 or 3303	Advanced Spanish Conversation or Advanced Spanish for Heritage Speakers		3
SPAN 3153	Advanced Grammar		3
SPAN 3313	Foundations of Translation		3
SPAN 4303	Latin American Literature, Film, and Culture		3
Minor/Elective			3
SCHs			15
Spring		TCCN	
SPAN 3163	Spanish Composition		3
SPAN 3323	Foundations of Interpreting		3
SPAN 4213	Spanish Linguistics		3
Minor/Elective			3
Minor/Elective			3
SCHs			15
Fourth Year			
Fall		TCCN	
SPAN 4173	Medical Translation and Interpreting I		3
SPAN 4203	Latin American Women Writers and Filmmakers		3
SPAN 4923	Capstone in Spanish		3
Minor/Elective			3
Minor/Elective			3
SCHs			15
Spring		TCCN	
SPAN 4273	Medical Translation and Interpreting II		3
SPAN 4953	Internship		3
Minor/Elective			3
Minor/Elective			3
SCHs			12
Total SCHs:			120