



Language Interpreter for Health Services

20-credit Technical Diploma

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If you have an extensive vocabulary of multiple languages, are objective and a good listener, a career in medical interpreting may be for you. Those working in this field must have strong memory, recall and comprehension skills, practice good judgment and understand medical terms. Health language interpreters should also be aware of cultural differences.

About This Program

Language interpreters facilitate communication between limited English-speaking patients and their healthcare providers, to convey accurate messages about health and wellness. Learn to provide medical language interpretation for Spanish-speaking patients and families. Interpreters are skilled in spoken and written translation and interpretation, nonverbal communication and nuances of various dialects and subcultures.

Note: This program focuses on Spanish language interpreting.



Career Salaries

\$38,300 – \$74,800 annually

Salary range estimates based on wages for related occupations in Waukesha County as reported by Economic Modeling Specialists International (EMSI). Individual wages may vary based on experience, industry, location and specific job requirements.



Potential Careers

Medical Interpreter
Language Services Specialist
Interpreter
Lab Scheduler/Spanish Bilingual

What Makes This Program Unique

- Engagement in other programs allows the Language Interpreter student to experience real-life situations.
- All healthcare providers are utilizing certified language interpreters in their healthcare settings. Language interpreters are a vital part of the healthcare team and are required to be certified when serving both patients and providers.
- Upon completion of this program, be prepared to take either of the two national certification exams: National Board of Certification for Medical Interpreters and Certification for Healthcare Interpreters.



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CORE COURSES

Credits

501-104	Culture of Healthcare	2
501-150	Exploring Medical Language 1	2
501-151	Exploring Medical Language 2	2
509-309	Medical Law, Ethics & Profess	2
538-103	Language Interp-Intro	3
538-108	Medical Interpreter I	3
538-109	Medical Interpreter II	3

GENERAL STUDIES

802-186	Spanish Dialects	1
809-172	Intro to Diversity Studies	3

