

# SPANISH COURSE FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS



**Learn Spanish for health care at your own pace**

## OVERVIEW

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Today's medical professionals must adapt to meet the challenges that come with the growing demographic diversity in the health care population. This often requires that health care providers learn to communicate clearly and effectively with patients and their relatives in a second language, such Spanish.

This course is designed for students who would like to apply their Spanish in the medical setting. The course progressively merges grammar and health care terminology in the context of various medical settings. We will be focusing on dialogues, readings and cultural notes.

Classes will be conducted almost exclusively in Spanish with a continued emphasis on conversation rather than grammar. Topics will include medical terminology and the applications of language to patient care with a focus on oral and listening comprehension. Students will be taught phrases and commands facilitating the completion of a physical assessment as well as everyday terms used in the clinical setting.

This Spanish course for medical professionals provides students with the opportunity to shadow an interpreter in the local or regional community and reflect upon that experience.

This course is geared for intermediate to advanced Spanish speakers. This would be equivalent to levels B1 and B2 levels (The Council of Europe Language Level Scale).



## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

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This Medical Spanish course will allow you to:

1. Make a personal connection with patients and their families.
2. Question patients about their symptoms.
3. Conduct physical examinations.
4. Gather and convey basic information.
5. Inform and instruct about basic procedures.
6. Give follow up instruction.
7. Increase your awareness of specialised terminology.
8. Analyse real case scenarios.
9. Learn how to deal with challenging situations.

## **TEACHING METHODS**

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This course uses highly practical role plays and case studies drawn from real-life scenarios.

The student will work on medical reports, emails, video and audio materials; articles from medical journals/magazines and also different materials that the students bring in from their workplace (reports, presentations, etc.).

This course is designed in such a way that they can be applied to your day-to-day work.

## **DURATION**

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60 hours.

You decide whether you take the whole course or just a part of it.

This course can be completed in any order. Explore the course syllabus to decide which chapter you prefer to take first.

## SCHEDULE

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The course offers a flexible approach. SpanishviaSkype teachers are available from 9 am to 11 pm (Madrid time).

## COUNSELLING

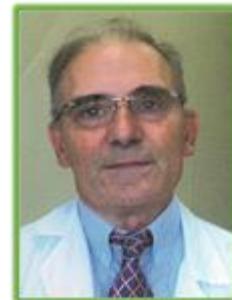
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The course is supported by a team of tutors: Dr. Amalio Ordóñez (Medical Oncologist. Madrid) and Dra. Marta Herrero (Family Doctor. Madrid).

This team offers academic support throughout the learning process (students can have free correspondence by email with them to ask any language doubts regarding Medical Spanish whenever is needed).



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## TRACK PROGRESS

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- Class report. After every lesson, we e-mail our students a detailed class report so they can review their lesson and keep track of their progress.
- Extra material and consolidation activities. Designed to help the students review what they have learnt in class.
- Evaluation tests. Designed to check if the objectives have been met.

## **TENTATIVE SYLLABUS**

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### **1. General terminology**

- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Diagnostic procedure
- Therapy
- Medical kit

### **2. Prevention**

- Diet and Nutrition
- Vaccination
- Smoking habit

### **3. Symptom, diagnosis and treatment**

- Osteoporosis
- Rheumatic diseases
- Infectious diseases
- Allergy
- Common dental problems
- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Cancer

### **4. Functional contents**

- How to express pain and sensations?
- How to make your patients calm down?
- How to ask your patients?
- How to inform your patients?
- How to give instructions to your patients?
- How to advise your patients?
- How to express purposes?
- How to express suppositions?
- How to give your opinion?
- How to express conditions?

### **5. Medical vocabulary**