

Health Care Interpreter



HEALTH CARE INTERPRETER

COURSE

60 HOURS

GET AHEAD

- Design public health innovations and solutions
- Develop skills to take action
- Interdisciplinary and multisectoral career path
- The benefits of participating in the Health Care Interpreter Course are the ability to build a career in the field of public health and to make a community impact by addressing real, twenty-first century public health challenges with innovative solutions to improve health and well-being.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The Health Care Interpreter Course is a specialized educational program offered several times during the year with course curriculum and materials developed by Kaiser Permanente in partnership with Hablamos Juntos. The program offers both Level I and Level II courses, based on supply and demand.

It is the first program to be accredited by the International Medical Interpreter Association (IMIA).

IS THIS COURSE FOR YOU?

- Students who are proficient in two or more languages
- Those wanting to help overcome language barriers in healthcare

EXAMPLES OF TOPICS COVERED

- Communication barriers
- Roles and modes of interpreting Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics of the IMIA, NCIHC and CHIA Legal and regulatory requirements in healthcare
- Medical terminology & equipment
- Most common diseases

COURSE FEATURES

- 40 hours taught via Teams (synchronous)
- 20 hours of asynchronous independent study, supervised by your instructor
- Taught in two ways: English/Spanish OR Spanish/English



CURRICULUM

In Level I and Level II courses, follows the IMIA/CCHI Standards of Training.

Our curriculum was first developed by Gayle Tang at Kaiser Permanente (2014) for Hablamos Juntos (RWJF national grant). It has been revised and updated regularly.

LEVEL I

60-hour online hybrid course delivered synchronously via Teams. The students actively interact with their classmates and instructor. The second segment of the course includes 20-hours of asynchronous learning. Students continue studying individually the topics included in the syllabus and they may meet via Teams with the instructor to check their individual/group progress.

LEVEL II*

40-hour intermediate-advanced online Teams course offered to those individuals who want to expand their knowledge of medical interpreting and prepare to take the NBCMI and/or CCHI national exams. It may be taken after having successfully completed Level I or its equivalent.

*Students who have taken Level I are not required to take Level II, but it is highly recommended.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or equivalent; bachelor's degree or higher recommended.
- Minimum 18 year of age; recommended 21 years or older.

ORAL Proficiency:

- If you have a high school diploma or college degree from the U.S., then you have met your oral English requirement.
- Take the Language Proficiency Test (LPT) in Spanish, unless you have a high school diploma or college degree from a Spanish-speaking country or another foreign country.

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