

Davidson County Community College
Healthcare Interpreting Certificate
Continuing Education
Frequently Asked Questions

Certificate Option Description – This certificate option is comprised of a series of three online courses – Medical Terminology for Interpreters, Introduction to Interpreting in a Healthcare Environment, and Cultural Health Habits. Students who complete all of the courses and are at least 18 years old will be prepared to take certification exams offered by the National Board of Certification for Medical Interpreters (NBCMI) and the Certification Commission for Healthcare Interpreters (CCHI). Completion of the Certificate in continuing education would prepare students who are at least 18 years old to meet the education requirements to test for both certifying bodies.

NOTE: A person must be at least 18 years of age and have obtained a GED/high school diploma in order to sit for testing for either of the two national certification exams.

How do I enroll in this program? –

- 1) Complete the program interest form that is included in this packet and submit to Public Safety Building room #112.
- 2) Provide proof of a high school diploma or transcript/GED.
- 3) Provide proof of either college credit for English or college level reading score on placement test taken within the last five years.
- 4) Take the Spanish Language Assessment and meet benchmark of at least 60. **Note:** All students are required to take the Assessment.

Healthcare Interpreting Courses – classes do not have to be taken in order

Courses	Schedule	Hours	Cost	
Introduction to Interpreting in Healthcare	Jan. 13 – May 1, 2020	100	\$185	Online
Cultural Health Habits	Jan. 13 – May 1, 2020	100	\$185	Online
Medical Terminology for Interpreters	Aug. 17 – Dec. 4, 2020	120	\$185	Online

Reading Placement testing: Students must be reading at college level in order to be successful in the courses. To meet this requirement, students can sign up to take placement testing at DCCC or at their local community college. If students have already completed college courses or a degree, students may submit an unofficial transcript to be considered in lieu of placement testing.

Spanish Language Assessment: This Spanish language assessment is to determine proficiency in Spanish. All students are required to take the Assessment. To schedule, contact the Learning Commons at DCCC: 336-249-8186 ext. 6787. For distance students, testing arrangements can be made – contact staff at DCCC for more information.

How do I register? Submit all paperwork to Diane Hedgecock, Public Safety Bldg. #112. Once the information has been submitted and verified, students will receive a letter of eligibility with course codes and can contact ConEd Registration at 336-224-4545 or in person on the 2nd floor of the Brooks Student Center to register.

Textbooks required: (These are not available at the Campus Bookstore)

- *Anatomy–Physiology for Interpreters in Healthcare: English-Spanish* – 2nd Edition by M. Eta Trabing (2007) ISBN: 1938023005 and ISBN13:9781938023002
(**available at [http:// www.eberkana.us/products](http://www.eberkana.us/products) **)
- *Say It in Spanish: A Guide for Health Care Professionals*, 3rd Edition by Esperanza Villanueva Joyce, EdD, CNS, RN and Maria Elena Villanueva, MD (2003) ISBN: 9780721604244
- *The Interpreter's Rx* by Holly Mikkelson(1994) ISBN: 1880594110 and ISBN13:9781880594117 **Note:** make sure that you order the CDs with this book.
(**available at <https://www.acebo.myshopify.com/products.the-interpreters-rx>**)
- *The Latino Patient: A Cultural Guide for Health Care Providers* by Nilda Chong ISBN-10:1877864951 and ISBN-13:978-1877864957 **Note:** this book used in Cultural Health Habits course only.

Recommended but not required:

- *Spanish-English English Spanish Medical Dictionary*, 3rd Edition or later by Onyria Herrera McElroy and Lola L. Grabb, ISBN: 0781750113

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