

YEARS 1 & 2 ELECTIVE COURSE

TITLE:	Medical Spanish
COURSE NO.:	SOMN610
DEPARTMENT:	Department of Family Medicine
DURATION:	25 in-class sessions (1 hour each) of varying levels (beginner, intermediate, proficient); each student must attend 8 to receive credit for the elective.
DIRECTOR:	Coral Matus
COORDINATOR:	Coral Matus
FACULTY PARTICIPANTS:	Coral Matus
SEMESTERS AVAILABLE:	Fall-Spring (year-long course)
NUMBER OF STUDENTS:	Max. 75 students
LOCATION:	UT – Health Science Campus

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Students will be required to attend 8 in-class sessions in order to receive credit. At each session, a group of students will present on a cultural topic regarding a Latin American or South American country. Students will learn health care-related words and phrases which will be useful in the clinical setting, and which they will be able to practice during the sessions. Various methods of instruction will be used, including presentations, role playing (doctor-patient encounters), and translation of medical forms.

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

1. Learn basic Spanish medical terminology in Spanish, which is useful in interacting with patients in the clinical setting.
2. Practice appropriate use of acquired Spanish language in the clinical setting
3. Discuss cultural issues which may affect clinical interactions with non-English speaking Latino patients, both in the United States and abroad.
4. Practice translation of forms and information sheets from English to Spanish
5. Discuss proper techniques for interpreter use in the clinical setting.

METHODS OF TEACHING: Lecture, small-group practice, cultural presentations, exercises and games.

METHODS OF STUDENT EVALUATION: In-class activities will be used in evaluating student improvement. Practice patient encounters with other students will be used to help evaluate the overall improvement of each student.

Students will give cultural presentations with a group of other students one time during the course of the elective.

LINKAGE TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

1-46, 49-51, 55-57

ELECTIVE EVALUATION:

Students will complete an evaluation form provided to them at the end of the course.

With the successful completion of the elective, students will be given 5 Students for Medical Missions (SMM) participation points, which can be counted toward their ability to participate in a medical mission.

PREREQUISITES (if any): None