

MEDICAL INTERPRETER FOR HEALTHCARE

Overview

Medical Interpreter for Healthcare Technical Diploma (New Title Pending WTCS State Approval)

Program Code: 30-538-1

For more information: [wctc.edu/lang-interp](http://www.wctc.edu/lang-interp/) (<http://www.wctc.edu/lang-interp/>)

Language interpreters facilitate communication between limited English-speaking patients, and their physicians, nurses and other healthcare providers, to convey accurate messages. Gain knowledge needed to provide medical language interpretation for limited English-proficient patients and families. Interpreters are skilled in spoken and written translation and interpretation, nonverbal communication and nuances of various dialects and subcultures.

The minimum required course grades and program grade point average (GPA) for students under this catalog are:

Core Courses = C

General Studies Courses = C

Program GPA = 2.0

Learning Outcomes

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1. Demonstrate the skills of a medical interpreter.
2. Apply basic anatomy and medical terminology knowledge.
3. Demonstrate cultural intelligence
4. Follow medical interpreting protocols.
5. Perform medical interpreting sessions.
6. Model legal and ethical behavior for a medical interpreter.

Critical Life Skills

To help our students prepare for success in a workplace and society that is **increasingly global, multi-cultural, and collaborative**, all students are given opportunities to develop and demonstrate Critical Life Skills, both in and out of the classroom. The following Critical Life Skills are learning outcomes for WCTC students.

- **Communication:** Demonstrate appropriate communication.
- **Critical Thinking/Problem Solving:** Demonstrate critical thinking skills to analyze situations and solve problems.
- **Relationships:** Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
501-301	Medical Terminology	3
Approved Substitutes: 501-101 OR (501-150 and 150-151)		
501-304	Contemp. Healthcare Practices	2
Approved Substitute: 501-104		
509-309	Medical Law, Ethics & Profess	2

538-303	Intro to Medical Interpreter	3
Approved Substitute: 538-103		
538-308	Medical Interpreting 1	2
Approved Substitute: 538-108		
538-309	Medical Interpreting 2	2
Approved Substitute: 538-109		
General Studies		
802-386	Spanish Dialects	2
Approved Substitute: 802-186		
Total Credits		16

Full-time, Fall Start

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall Term 1		
501-301	Medical Terminology <small>This course runs 16 weeks.</small>	3
538-303	Intro to Medical Interpreter <small>This course runs 16 weeks.</small>	3
Credits		6
Spring Term 1		
538-308	Medical Interpreting 1	2
509-309	Medical Law, Ethics & Profess <small>Also available in summer.</small>	2
Credits		4
Spring Term 2		
538-309	Medical Interpreting 2	2
501-304	Contemp. Healthcare Practices	2
802-386	Spanish Dialects	2
Credits		6
Total Credits		16