



Governing Iowa's Public Universities

In accordance with Board of Regents policy 3.20, the following required information is available below:

Fall 2026

I. Course title and number as designated in the institutional course catalog

SPAN 2053: Spanish for Special Purposes: Health Professions

II. A course description including learning objectives that students are expected to achieve by the end of the course

A. Course Description:

Grammatical review and specialized vocabulary for practical professional situations; develops listening, reading, writing, and speaking skills; and provides a vehicle for cultural awareness.

Prerequisite(s): SPAN 2001 or equivalent. (Fall and Spring)

B. Course Level Learning Objectives:

By the end of the semester, students will be able to:

1. Recognize basic medical Spanish vocabulary.
2. Use basic grammatical structures to talk about present, past and future, and give basic commands in health contexts.
3. Engage in basic conversations in Spanish in health contexts, such as using greetings, describing symptoms, illnesses and treatments, identifying body parts and medicines, making appointments, etc.
4. Convey basic information on health sciences in Spanish.

III. A general outline of the topics to be covered throughout the course:

Introductions, describing people, giving directions, daily activities in a hospital setting, past activities in a hospital setting, and general medical terminology.

IV. List of required textbooks, readings, and other materials necessary for the course

An Introduction to Medical Spanish: Communication and Culture. 5th ed. Robert Chase & Clarisa Medina de Chase. New Haven: Yale U. Press, 2019. *Access to electronic workbook at publisher's website.*

Maletín Médico. Zimotti et al. <https://pressbooks.uiowa.edu/maletinmedico/> (lessons 2 and 3 only)

V. General description of the types of assessments used in the course (e.g., exams, papers, projects, experiential learning):

Exams, projects, translations, simulations, and grammar exercises.