

*Real people.
Stronger communities.
Better health care
in New Mexico.*

SPANISH FOR A BRIGHTER NURSING & HEALTH CARE CAREER

LANGUAGE SKILLS. BETTER PATIENT CARE.
STRONGER COMMUNITIES.



WHY SPANISH MATTERS FOR NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES



BETTER COMMUNICATION AND PATIENT CARE

Spanish helps you build trust, listen more effectively, and provide culturally responsive care to diverse patients, leading to better health outcomes.



REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES

Language skills help you work more effectively with underserved communities, expand access to care, and support health equity in New Mexico and beyond.



MORE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Spanish opens doors in hospitals, clinics, public health, community health organizations, international health programs, and humanitarian work—locally, nationally, and globally.



STAND OUT IN GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Bilingual skills strengthen your application for nursing, medical, physician assistant, public health, and other health professions programs.

NEW MEXICO NEEDS BILINGUAL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS



About 1 in 4

New Mexicans speaks
Spanish at home.

A HEALTHIER,
MORE INCLUSIVE
NEW MEXICO.

For nurses and other health-care professionals, Spanish can mean better communication with patients and families and stronger connections with the communities they serve.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2024.

CAREERS & OPPORTUNITIES

Spanish can open doors to meaningful work in:

- Hospitals, clinics, and community health centers
- Public health and health education
- Nursing and patient advocacy
- Maternal and child health
- Mental and behavioral health services
- Global and humanitarian health organizations
- Health policy and administration
- Research on health disparities
- And many other health-related careers that improve lives and strengthen communities



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SPANISH GIVES YOU A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE.



DEPARTMENT OF
SPANISH &
PORTUGUESE

Contact us to
learn more!



A SECOND MAJOR OR MINOR

ROADMAP: Start Sophomore Year. Finish By Senior Year

SECOND MAJOR IN SPANISH

- TAKE TWO OF THESE COURSES, OUR ONLY PRE-REQUISITES, IN ANY SEMESTER AND IN ANY ORDER:

- ☐ CHOOSE ONE: SPAN 301 OR SPAN 305
TOPICS IN HISPANIC CULTURE • MEDICAL SPANISH AND PUBLIC HEALTH
- ☐ SPAN 302: ADVANCED WRITING IN SPANISH

- THEN TAKE TWO COURSES FROM THESE CLUSTERS IN ANY ORDER

- ☐ CHOOSE ONE: SPAN 350, 351, 352, OR 371
SOUND PATTERNS • LINGUISTICS • GRAMMAR IN SOCIETY • SPANISH OF THE SOUTHWEST
- ☐ CHOOSE ONE: SPAN 306, 307, 370, OR 303
HEALTH & HEALING • HISPANIC LITERATURE • CHICANO LITERATURE • BRAZILIAN LITERATURE & CULTURE

- THEN TAKE FOUR ADVANCED COURSES IN ANY SEMESTER AND IN ANY ORDER:

- ☐ ANY COURSE ABOVE SPAN 328
- ☐ ANY COURSE ABOVE SPAN 400
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MINOR IN SPANISH

- TAKE TWO OF THESE COURSES, OUR ONLY PRE-REQUISITES, IN ANY SEMESTER AND IN ANY ORDER:

- ☐ CHOOSE ONE: SPAN 301 OR SPAN 305
TOPICS IN HISPANIC CULTURE • MEDICAL SPANISH AND PUBLIC HEALTH
- ☐ SPAN 302: ADVANCED WRITING IN SPANISH

- THEN TAKE TWO COURSES FROM THESE CLUSTERS IN ANY ORDER

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- ☐ ANY COURSE ABOVE SPAN 349
- ☐ ANY COURSE ABOVE SPAN 400

DID YOU KNOW?



- A second major appears on your diploma & transcript! (A minor appears on your transcript only.)
- You can take advanced courses during the intercession and summer terms!
- Study abroad can count toward your degree—up to 15 credits for a second major and 12 credits for a minor!



ADVANCED PLACEMENT CREDITS (AP)



- A 4 OR 5 ON AP SPANISH LANGUAGE ALLOWS ENROLLMENT IN SPAN 307
- A 4 ON AP SPANISH LITERATURE ALLOWS ENROLLMENT IN SPAN 307
- A 5 ON AP SPANISH LITERATURE ALLOWS ENROLLMENT IN SPAN 328 AND ABOVE