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# ONLINE SPANISH COURSE FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

How we can engage a larger student population, allow for greater learner autonomy, and address the needs of the local medical community through online coursework.

## THE NEED

- By 2050, the US will have more Spanish speakers than any other country.
- Nashville is the national health care industry capital.
- For our health care professionals to provide timely and thorough care for this growing population, they need to develop their language skills.



## MEETING THAT NEED

Intro Spanish for Medical Professionals course:

- Taught as an asynchronous course
- Housed on Canvas LMS
- Tailored vocabulary, grammar and cultural information for the healthcare field
- Designed for non-traditional students that have work and family responsibilities
- Created by Spanish and Nursing faculty with OAP funds



## TECH SUPPORT

Our Office of e-Learning provides:

- workshops for teaching online
- guides for making videos
- ADA and copyright compliance guidelines
- observation opportunities
- pre-course syllabus evaluations
- individual and group consultations



## ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- Greater learner motivation: the learner-centered approach that takes advantage of students' existing knowledge and interests
- Increased active learning: vocabulary and grammar will be applied to medical context and small group assignments will provide practical applications.
- More metacognitive awareness and greater student control over pacing/review of concepts
- Immediate feedback from online quizzes. Allows for fast error correction and greater understanding of difficult concepts