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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
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