

Undergraduate Catalog Changes 2024-26
Department of Spanish and Portuguese

Creation of New Certificate Program: Spanish for Mental Health Professions Certificate

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The department would like to create a new certificate program, titled Spanish for Mental Health Professions.

Rationale: This new program is modeled on the current Spanish for Health Care Professions certificate. The new certificate will follow the same program of courses, but will include a new course, SPN 368F (Spanish in Mental Health Contexts) as the final course in the sequence. The Spanish for Health Care Professions certificate has been extremely successful. When we first proposed the certificate several years ago, we anticipated offering one section per year of our Medical Spanish course. We now offer eight sections per year. Our creation of SPN 368F and a certificate program focused on mental health professions responds to robust student demand for courses that specialize in language issues related to the mental health professions.

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Spanish for Mental Health Professions Certificate

Between 18 and 24 semester credit hours of Spanish, consisting of:

For non-heritage speakers:

SPN 601D First-Year Spanish I

SPN 610D First-Year Spanish II

SPN 311 Intermediate Spanish

SPN 314 Spanish Conversation and Culture

SPN 327C Advanced Grammar and Writing in Context

or SPN 327N Academic Writing for Heritage Speakers

or SPN 327V Advanced Grammar and Service Learning

SPN 368F Spanish in Mental Health Contexts

For heritage speakers:

SPN 604 Accelerated Introductory Spanish for Heritage Learners

SPN 311J Intermediate Spanish for Heritage Learners

SPN 314J Writing and Culture in Context for Heritage Learners

SPN 327C Advanced Grammar and Writing in Context

or SPN 327N Academic Writing for Heritage Speakers

or SPN 327V Advanced Grammar and Service Learning

SPN 368F Spanish in Mental Health Contexts