



# Medical Interpreter

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## **Job Description**

Medical Interpreters work at hospitals, schools, clinics, mental health facilities and doctors' offices. They can also work as independent contractors for the many agencies both local and nationwide. At hospitals, interpreters are required to work in a variety of departments in order to facilitate communication between patient and provider. As independent contractors, interpreters may work on-site, from home as over-the-phone interpreters, or Video Remote Interpreters:

- **On-Site Interpreting (OSI):** Interpreters are physically present at the location of the assignment and are therefore able to both see and hear the parties they interpret for.
- **Over-the-Phone Interpreting (OPI):** Interpreters speak with the designated parties only by phone and are therefore unable to see them. OPI requires strong listening skills without the aide of visual cues.
- **Video Remote Interpreting (VRI):** Interpreters use a camera and microphone to communicate with the designated parties. VRI enables the interpreter to both see and hear the speakers, and to pick up on non-verbal cues which are missed with OPI.

## **Employment Outlook**

Globalization and large increases in the number of non-English-speaking people in the United States will drive employment growth. Medical interpreters that are employed full-time earn a median annual salary of \$58,140.

## **Admission Requirement**

Students must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED to enroll in this course.

## **Students participating in this program must:**

Be fully bilingual in English, as well as a second language.

Pass a language proficiency exam prior to acceptance into the program.

## **Program Description**

There is a critical need for trained medical interpreters! This 60-hour program provides working knowledge of medical interpreting, including standards of practice, ethics, HIPAA regulations, cultural competency, and medical terminology/vocabulary. This program is designed for those preparing for entry-level careers as medical interpreters as well as for working interpreters preparing for the National Board Certificate exam. This program meets the National Board for Medical Interpreter Certification training

requirement and prepares students for the certification exam. This program is offered in collaboration with Transfluenci, a leader in the medical interpreter field. The National Board exam fee is not included.

***The Essential Job Skills & Career Development course is REQUIRED to receive a certificate of completion for the Medical Interpreter program. See page XX for the course description.***

#### **Time Commitment**

This 10-week program includes 60 hours of instruction.

#### **Medical Interpreter**

**CRN: 3498 HMED M7222**

**Dates: October 4 to December 15, 2021 (no class 10/11, 11/24**

**Days: Tuesday and Thursday**

**Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Instructor: Tina Texeira**

**Instruction type: LRON**

**Fee: \$1,089.00 (Cost includes textbook, and U-Pass transportation fee)**

#### **Medical Interpreter Assessment**

**CRN: 3499 HMED M7223**

**Date: To be scheduled with coordinator**

**Fee: \$70 (NON-REFUNDABLE once assessment is complete)**

*LRON: (Live/Remote Online Courses): Live sessions are held (synchronous) at specified times for the interactive role plays and for lectures. DigitalChalk will be used for readings and instructional content. Students will be contacted one week prior to the start of the class with how to access DigitalChalk.*

#### **Payment Information**

Total cost of this program is \$1,332 including textbooks, language assessment, U-Pass transportation fee, and Essential Job Skills & Career Development course. Payment plans are available for this program.

#### **Contact Information**

For more information or to register please contact Sue Champagne at 860.253.3034 or [schampagne@asnuntuck.edu](mailto:schampagne@asnuntuck.edu).

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