

Health Care Interpreter Certificate Short-Term Training Program

Completion Requirements

To earn a certificate, you must:

- Complete Orientation to Health Care Interpreting, Interpreting in Health Care, and Field Experience in Health Care Interpreting
- Attend all class hours and skills/demonstration labs
- Complete all homework assignments and pass all quizzes and exams

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Health Care Interpreters facilitate understanding and communication between clinical providers such as doctors, nurses, therapists, and technicians, and patients who speak English as a second language. The need for language interpreters fluent Chinese, Spanish, Korean, Portuguese, Arabic and more languages is growing rapidly. Employment for interpreters and translators is projected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to increase by 46 percent by 2022.

Health Care Interpreter Training at HCC

In just a few months, you can earn a certificate in health care interpreting. Upon successful completion of this training, you will be ready for a career as a staff medical interpreter, to work as a bilingual staff member in a health care agency, and more. Funding for this program was provided by the Horizon Foundation.

The entire program consists of three courses for a total of 120 hours, taking place over a five-month period. You will earn 10 CEUs upon program completion.

Admission Requirements

Requirements include:

- Bilingual or the ability to speak proficiently in another language besides English
- A high school diploma or GED
- At least 18 years in age
- Some experience in interpreting preferred, but not required
- Good communication and interpersonal skills



Career Opportunities

Occupation	Average Annual Salary	Expected Regional Employment Demand
Staff Medical Interpreter	\$31,200-\$52,000+	Increasing due to legislation and demand.
Per Diem/Contractor Medical Interpreter	\$31,200-\$40,000+ (\$25-50/hr)	Hours are not guaranteed.
Interpreting Services Managers/Directors	\$52,000-\$62,400+	Small demand since this is a management position.
Coordinators of linguistic and cultural services	\$40,000-\$55,000+	Small demand; the coordinator is generally an interpreter with seniority.
Bilingual staff in a healthcare agency	Varies	Training improves employability in a variety of medical and non-medical positions.

Please note that the above salary projections are estimates only.

Courses

You will need to take the following courses in conjunction with one another:

- **Introduction to Healthcare Interpreting (YE-800)**
Gain an overview of the health care interpreting certificate program.
- **Interpreting in Health Care I (YE-801)**
Develop awareness, knowledge, and skills necessary for effective language interpretation in health care settings.
- **Field Experience in Health Care Interpreting (YE-802)**
Get supervised interpretation practice and reflect on real-life situations.

For full course descriptions, go to howardcc.edu/hcit.