Want to Become a Healthcare Interpreter?

The healthcare interpreting concept has come of age. American River College is opening doors to students who are bilingual and want to take the first step in becoming healthcare interpreters. Here are some key elements of our Healthcare Interpreting Program:

- A one-year Career Certificate Program recognized by the California Community College Chancellor’s Office
- Prepares bilingual individuals for effective language interpretation and cultural brokering in the healthcare setting
- 22.5—28.5 units applied to your transcripts
- Transferable credit
- Multi-language program

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American River College
Healthcare Interpreting Program

The demand for Healthcare Interpreters is rapidly growing in our community. Take the first step towards becoming a part of this evolving career field. The best time to start is NOW!
**Program Overview**

If you are bilingual and are able to speak, read, and write English, you may be interested to know that American River College is offering a certificate program in Healthcare Interpreting!

The Healthcare Interpreting Certificate Program is designed to prepare bilingual individuals for effective language interpretation and cultural brokering in the healthcare setting.

The program emphasizes roles and responsibilities of the healthcare interpreter; the development of cultural competence in the community and workplace; insight into language and cultural nuances for specific communities; standards and legal requirements for culturally and linguistically appropriate services; ethical decision-making, advocacy and power dynamics in healthcare settings; and career preparation to become an integral member of the healthcare team.

Coursework covers modes and models of interpretation; development of the technical aspects of interpretation; techniques for facilitating and managing the flow of communication; medical terminology and related vocabulary development in language of service; and common medical conditions and associated treatments/procedures in both basic and specialized health care service areas. Language coaches are provided to facilitate skills acquisition, and precepted fieldwork experiences are required.

**Where Do You Begin?**

Learn more about the opportunity to apply to the Healthcare Interpreting Certificate Program by signing up for the required introductory course!

**HCI 300 Introduction to Healthcare Interpreting (.5 Unit)**

Hours: 9 Hours Lecture

Description: This course is designed for bilingual/bicultural individuals interested in exploring the career choice of healthcare interpreter by developing an awareness of the roles and responsibilities of the interpreter in healthcare settings. It addresses required skills related to both language interpretation and cultural brokering and allows consideration of personal interests and aptitudes. *Program applications will only be available through HCI 300. There are no exceptions. Students who do not complete the introductory course will not be eligible to apply to the Healthcare Interpreting Program.*

**Students interested in this program should consider taking the program prerequisites as soon as possible. Students will not be considered for program eligibility unless all prerequisites are in-progress or completed.**