



# Professional Enrichment Course

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Office of Medical Education

## Taking care of Latino patients and Medical Spanish Elective

<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn about Latin communities in Pittsburgh and beyond and the challenges they face.</li> <li>• To practice basic conversation skills in Spanish, with a focus on common medical interviewing topics.</li> <li>• To improve fluency in medical and general vocabulary in Spanish.</li> </ul>
<b>Brief Description:</b>	<p>Learn from Hispanic professionals about the Latin community in Pittsburgh and the challenges it faces, the importance of language access and equity, and services and support for the immigrant community in Pittsburgh.</p> <p>The language focus of the elective will be on conducting a problem-focused medical interview with a Spanish-speaking patient. Students will learn how to interview patients (in Spanish) about common medical conditions by practicing these conversations with native speakers. Beyond learning the vocabulary and sentence structure of these conversations, students will also learn and practice strategies to communicate with patients when the two parties cannot quite understand each other – a common problem for novices in any language.</p>
<b>Class Year:</b>	MS1
<b>Organizer:</b>	Dr. Isabela Cajiao Angelelli, Faculty Director Alison Daniel, Language instructor
<b>Administrator/Coordinator contact info:</b>	ProfeAli2020@gmail.com
<b>Department:</b>	OMED
<b>Location:</b>	TBA
<b>Reporting Info/First Day Location</b>	TBA
<b>Maximum # of students</b>	25

Minimum # of students	3
-----------------------	---

MS1 (Class of 2028)			
Week	Start Date (Mon)	End Date (Fri)	Available?
5	TUE 9/3/2024	9/6/2024	
12	TUE 10/22/2024	10/25/2024	
26	1/27/2025	1/31/2025	
<b>30</b>	<b>2/24/2025</b>	<b>2/28/2025</b>	<b>x</b>
59	9/16/2025	9/20/2025	

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
AM					
PM	2-6PM <b>1 hour of language practice homework each day</b>	2-6PM <b>1 hour of language practice homework each day</b>	2-6PM <b>1 hour of language practice homework each day</b>	2-6PM <b>1 hour of language practice homework each day</b>	5-9PM <b>Special evening activity</b>
Schedule splitting:			Full required		

**Prerequisites:**

None.

**Intermediate/Advanced Level Spanish:** Students who have an intermediate to advanced level of Spanish should expect to gain the most from this elective.

**Basic Level Spanish:** Students with no or little Spanish experience will have the opportunity to practice basic level Spanish and vocabulary. Students will assume an active listening role during bilingual standardized patient interviews to gain listening comprehension.

- For those students with none to basic Spanish skills, it is strongly recommended to take the Basic Spanish Class in January to engage at a higher level of Spanish in the February Flex Week Medical Spanish Elective. The Basic Spanish Class will be offered as an additional activity (not a formal elective) during the January 2025 Flex week, from 6pm to 8pm, Monday through Friday.