

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Fall 2010
[2010*03]

Curriculum Program Title

Healthcare Interpreting

Code

A45430

Concentration

(not applicable)

Curriculum Description

The Healthcare Interpreting curriculum prepares individuals proficient in English and a target language to work in a healthcare environment as entry-level bilingual professionals, providing communication access to care and services to those whose language of preference is other than English.

Course work includes an overview of the American healthcare system, roles and responsibilities of the healthcare interpreter, ethical issues, basic human anatomy and physiology, and medical terminology. Students will acquire skills associated with interpretation between English and a target language.

Graduates should qualify for entry-level jobs as professional bilingual interpreters in a variety of healthcare settings. The healthcare settings may include hospitals, physician offices, clinics, health departments or apply language skills to other human service related areas.

*Curriculum Requirements**

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 23 NCAC 02E.0204 (3)]

- I. General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*
- III. Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit in Program	64-76	36-48	12-18

**Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.*

Major Hours

[ref. 23 NCAC 02E.0204 (3)]

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration** (if applicable). A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work experience, including cooperative education, practicums, and internships, may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

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	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum Major Hours Required	49 SHC	30 SHC	12 SHC
A. CORE	45-52 SHC	NR	NR
Required Courses: HCI 110 Intro to Health Interp 3 SHC HCI 114 Ana Skills for Inter 3 SHC HCI 115 Healthcare in the U.S. 1 SHC HCI 120 Medical Communication 4 SHC HCI 130 Strategies for Med Interp 3 SHC HCI 210 HCI Clinical Practicum I 3 SHC HCI 213 Review of Grammar 3 SHC HCI 215 Informatics for Interp 3 SHC HCI 220 HCI Clinical Practicum II 3 SHC HCI 225 Cultural Health Habits 4 SHC HCI 230 Professional Issues 3 SHC MED 114 Prof Interac in Heal Care 1 SHC MED 118 Medical Law and Ethics 2 SHC HSC 140 Transcultural Healthcare 2 SHC Required Subject Areas: Terminology Select one course/sequence MED 120 Survey of Med Terminology 2 SHC or MED 121 Medical Terminology I 3 SHC & MED 122 Medical Terminology II 3 SHC Anatomy & Physiology Select one course/sequence BIO 163 Basic Anat & Physiology 5 SHC or BIO 165 Anatomy and Physiology I 4 SHC & BIO 166 Anatomy and Physiology II 4 SHC or BIO 168 Anatomy and Physiology I 4 SHC & BIO 169 Anatomy and Physiology II 4 SHC			
B. CONCENTRATION (Not applicable)			
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C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS

To be selected from the following prefixes:

BIO, CIS, HCI, HSC, MED, PSY, SOC, SPA, SPI

Foreign language courses (including ASL) that are not designated as approved other major hours may be included in all programs up to a maximum of 3 semester hours of credit.