

Course Description

FOT2828 | Medical Interpretation | 3.00 credits

This course develops the techniques, practices and knowledge needed to function as interpreters in a medical environment. Interpreting models such as sight, consecutive and simultaneous - as they apply to the medical setting are revisited. Medical vocabulary/terminology in English and foreign language as well as code of ethics will also be introduced. Prerequisites: FOT2821, FOT 2823, and FOT2824 (recommended)

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate the ability to sight interpret by:

- 1. Orally converting into the foreign language medical related texts, including but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Consent forms for medical procedures
 - b. Waivers of all types
 - c. Medical reports
- 2. Doses and manner of administration of prescribed medication

Competency 2: The student will apply consecutive interpretation skills by:

- 1. Serving as the medium of communication between the physician and the non-English speaking patient
- 2. Taking notes to re-express the ideas in the Target Language without adding or omitting information
- 3. Using the appropriate medical terminology

Competency 3: The student will exhibit the ability to interpret simultaneously into the target language in a mock medical setting by:

- 1. Listening to and analyzing an oral rendition in the source language
- 2. Re-expressing the ideas in the target language, simultaneously
- 3. Self-monitoring his/her rendition

Competency 4: The student will demonstrate knowledge of medical terminology by:

- 1. Orally rendering into the foreign language or into English language equivalents of anatomy-related terms during the patient- health provider encounter
- 2. Orally rendering into the foreign language or English correct equivalent of physical and/or pathological-related terms during the patient-health provider encounter
- 3. Using, in the target language, correct equivalents of diagnostic method-related terms during the patient-health provider encounter
- 4. Orally rendering foreign language or English equivalents of treatment-related terms during the patienthealth provider encounter
- 5. Orally rendering foreign language or English equivalents of diseases and syndromes during the patient-health provider encounter

Competency 5: The student will apply knowledge of the ethical principles and protocols to be considered in the context of the health and well- being of patients by:

- 1. Listing the major ethical principles involved in the health field
- 2. Commenting on the frequent ethical conflicts and dilemmas that arise for interpreters in a medical environment
- 3. Discussing differences that may arise when one or more ethical principles are in conflict with one or more other principles
- 4. Describing the procedure which entails working with patients and providers before, during and after the healthcare encounter

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information

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