

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY  
SPA 163 – SPANISH FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS I (3 CR.)**

**Course Description**

Introduces Spanish to those in the health sciences. Emphasizes oral communication and practical medical vocabulary. May include oral drill and practice. Part I of II. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose**

The goal of the course is to provide doctors, nurses and paramedical personnel with the language and culture skills necessary to communicate with Spanish-speaking patients. Students learn to communicate in Spanish within a basic context of vocabulary and structures.

**Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites**

No prior knowledge of Spanish is required.

**Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- understand basic spoken Spanish within the limited context presented to beginners;
- communicate learned material in Spanish with frequent errors;
- read the Spanish the student has already learned to comprehend and speak;
- write basic learned material.

**Major Topics to be Included**

The student will learn the appropriate structures of the Spanish language and become aware of cultural differences and needs. Students will develop correct Spanish pronunciation. Topics and situations to be covered may include:

- Greetings and alphabet;
- Personal medical information and terms;
- Body parts and physical conditions;
- Illnesses;
- Emergency procedures in hospitals, clinics and doctors' offices.

**Optional Topics**

Special needs of the students and the health profession.