

**HCI 182 Course Outline as of Fall 2021****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: HCI 182 Title: HLTHCARE INTERP COMPETEN

Full Title: Developing Healthcare Interpreter Competencies

Last Reviewed: 5/9/2016

| Units   |      | Course Hours per Week |      | Nbr of Weeks | Course Hours Total |       |
|---------|------|-----------------------|------|--------------|--------------------|-------|
| Maximum | 2.00 | Lecture Scheduled     | 2.00 | 17.5         | Lecture Scheduled  | 35.00 |
| Minimum | 2.00 | Lab Scheduled         | 0    | 6            | Lab Scheduled      | 0     |
|         |      | Contact DHR           | 0    |              | Contact DHR        | 0     |
|         |      | Contact Total         | 2.00 |              | Contact Total      | 35.00 |
|         |      | Non-contact DHR       | 0    |              | Non-contact DHR    | 0     |

Total Out of Class Hours: 70.00

Total Student Learning Hours: 105.00

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

**Catalog Description:**

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**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

Course Completion of HCI 181:

AND HCI 181L;

AND ANAT 58 (OR HLC 140 and ANAT 140);

AND COMM 1 (OR COMM 60);

AND Concurrent Enrollment in HCI 182L

**Recommended Preparation:****Limits on Enrollment:**

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Transfer Credit:

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### **ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

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|----------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>AS Degree:</b>    | <b>Area</b>          | Effective: | Inactive: |
| <b>CSU GE:</b>       | <b>Transfer Area</b> | Effective: | Inactive: |
| <b>IGETC:</b>        | <b>Transfer Area</b> | Effective: | Inactive: |
| <b>CSU Transfer:</b> |                      | Effective: | Inactive: |
| <b>UC Transfer:</b>  |                      | Effective: | Inactive: |

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

### **COURSE CONTENT**

#### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify and describe healthcare interpreter competencies, including medical terminology related to common health issues in ethnic communities and within a variety of healthcare service areas, in both English and Language of Service (LOS).
2. Discuss ethical interpreting dilemmas utilizing concepts from California Standards for Healthcare Interpreters.
3. Describe self-care techniques, strategies, and community resources available to healthcare interpreters.

#### **Objectives:**

1. Describe management of the flow of the interpreting session.
2. Identify and describe various technical skills necessary for the development of effective healthcare interpreting.
3. Compare and contrast health problems and traditional healthcare beliefs and practices in ethnic communities in Sonoma County.

4. Contrast cultural competency related to common health issues in various communities.
5. Identify health resources available in the community for clients.
6. Describe effective communication skills with special emphasis on cross-cultural communication.
7. Identify a variety of memory-development techniques.
8. Use medical terminology, in English and LOS, specific to various healthcare service areas.
9. Describe psychological, social, and emotional issues that may arise for interpreters and identify strategies and community resources for managing these issues.
10. Describe skills needed for translation.
11. Respond to requests for translation/transcription ethically and professionally.
12. Explore career options in healthcare interpreting.
13. Continue to develop ePortfolio.

## **Topics and Scope:**

### **I. Managing the Flow of the Interpreting Session**

#### **A. Interpreter roles and functions**

1. message conveyor
2. message clarifier
3. cultural clarifier
4. patient advocate

#### **B. Listening skills**

1. effective listening, e.g., active listening
2. ineffective listening, e.g, interrupting or judging speaker
3. cultural awareness and expectations regarding communication

#### **C. Interpreter code of ethics**

#### **D. Pre/post session in the interpreting setting**

#### **E. Handling emotionally charged content**

#### **F. Handling issues of culture, gender, ethnicity**

#### **G. Handling diverse values, prejudice, bias**

#### **H. Strategies for solving work-day problems**

#### **I. Handling foul language**

#### **J. Handling disorganized speech**

### **II. Development of the Technical Aspects of Interpretation**

#### **A. Accent enhancement**

#### **B. Body language**

#### **C. Consecutive, simultaneous, summarization interpretation**

#### **D. Glossary building**

#### **E. Memory development**

1. short-term, long-term and declarative memory
2. memory problems
3. ways to improve memory: association, visualization, repetition, concentration, chunking

#### **F. Note-taking during interpreting session**

1. advantages and disadvantages
2. tips and techniques
3. abbreviations and symbols

#### **G. Public speaking**

#### **H. Register, style, discourse**

#### **I. Voice, diction, and volume**

#### **J. Translation skills**

1. differences in written translation and oral interpretation

2. process and technical considerations
  3. tools, e.g., electronic word-finders, "Trados"
  4. decisions regarding use of on-the-spot translation or transcription
  5. ethical and professional responses to requests for translations/transcriptions
- K. Remote interpreting
1. changing technologies: telephonic, video
  2. challenges for client, provider, interpreter
  3. protocols
- III. Health Issues in Ethnic Communities
- A. Identification of communities
  - B. Health issues specific to ethnic communities
  - C. Cultural aspects of health and illness behavior
  - D. Prevention and interventions
  - E. Community health resources and referrals
- IV. Cross-Cultural Communication
- A. Fluency and etiquette related to specific cultures
  - B. Culture aspects of interpreting
    1. cultural awareness
    2. behaviors, customs, values
    3. expectations, assumptions, attitudes, perceptions
    4. familiarity with linguistic regionalism and idiomatic phrases
  - C. Multiculturalism in the workplace
- V. In-depth Review of Medical Terminology in Language of Service
- A. Terms specific to different healthcare service areas
  - B. Glossary Building
- VI. Interpreting in Different Health Service Areas
- A. General medicine
  - B. Women's health
  - C. Men's health
  - D. Children's health
  - E. Chronic diseases
  - F. Infectious diseases
  - G. Genetics
  - H. Pharmacology
  - I. Mental Health
  - J. Death/dying/bereavement
  - K. Medical equipment
  - L. Medical procedures and surgery
  - M. Complementary and alternative treatments
  - N. Oral Health
- VII. Psychosocial/Mental Health Issues
- A. Working with immigrant communities
  - B. Strategies and culturally sensitive approaches
  - C. Self-care
- VIII. Exploration of Careers in Interpreting
- A. Health Maintenance Organizations
  - B. Community agencies
  - C. Public/private sectors
- IX. Development of ePortfolio
- A. Resume and cover letter writing
  - B. Self-evaluation
  - C. Reports that evaluate interpreting and cultural competency

- D. Research project that will demonstrate interpreting skills
- E. Careers in interpretation

### Assignment:

1. Read required textbook and supplemental materials, 25-40 pages per week.
2. Make medical terminology flashcards as specified by instructor for different healthcare service areas, practice, and maintain glossary of relevant terminology in English and LOS.
3. Complete group project: List common idioms and proverbs used in LOS and in English. Provide translation and examples of how these idioms may relate to health care.
4. Write a group paper (3-6 pages) and oral report (10-15 min) on an anatomical system, including related diseases, treatments, and cultural implications.
5. Add to ePortfolio: images, quotes, videos, labs, and introductory personal statement revision.
6. Develop resume and cover letter; link to ePortfolio.
7. Collect and organize community healthcare resources.
8. Complete quizzes (5-10) and final exam.
9. Schedule ALTA Proficiency Exam in English and LOS before externship.

### Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Group research paper, group research project, ePortfolio, resume, cover letter

Writing  
40 - 45%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Group Research project

Problem solving  
5 - 10%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Medical terminology flashcards

Skill Demonstrations  
5 - 10%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes, Final Exam

Exams  
25 - 30%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Attendance and participation; oral presentation; resource compilation, glossary

Other Category  
15 - 20%

### Representative Textbooks and Materials:

California Standards for Healthcare Interpreters: Ethical Principles, Protocols and Guidance on Roles and Intervention, 2002

Healthcare Interpreting in Small Bites, Cynthia E. Roat, 2010

Healthwise Handbook, Kaiser Permanente, 18th Edition

Medical dictionary or glossary in English and Language of Service (LOS)-various publications to be used depending on LOS

MedlinePlus

National Council on Interpreting in Health Care Standards and Code of Ethics, 2007, online

Role-play Manual, CCSF-HCI program, 2007

The Complete Human Body-The Definitive Visual Guide, Alice Roberts, D.K. Publishing, NY, 2010 (Classic)

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down, Ann Fadiman, 2012 (Classic)

Instructor prepared materials