

# Boston Medical Spanish Courses Overview

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS



**The goal of this program** is to facilitate communication between Spanish-speaking patients and healthcare providers. Since enabling students to connect with patients is our main goal, our classes are conversation and vocabulary driven. The courses specialize in medical terminology as well as vital communication structures. We provide our students with over 400 essential terms for medical fields as well as extensive conversational practice at all levels through interactive activities. *Please note: we always encourage the use of professional medical interpreters during patient interactions.*

### ***Partnership Details***

BMSC partners are medical and educational institutions, community organizations and funders seeking to increase access to equitable healthcare for Boston's Spanish-speaking community.

Partners cover the costs of program participation so medical students and professionals can take the courses at no cost. Partners determine their contribution level based on the number of students they want to receive training annually. BMSC tracks student registration and provides a quarterly report to partners on how many sessions are remaining in their partnership agreement.

***Classes will be held virtually to allow for greater program participation.***

*Classes are capped at 10 and registrations are processed in the order in which they are received.*

**Beginner Courses:** Instruction in the beginner courses focuses on the fundamental Spanish structures needed to navigate topics ranging from greeting patients to taking medical histories to discussing treatment and outcomes. While course materials are taught within a medical context, students will still develop general conversation skills to communicate in other aspects of life.

**Intermediate Courses:** Once students already have a strong grasp on the basic mechanics of the Spanish language, these courses focus on improving consistency when speaking with patients. Both general and specialized healthcare terms are targeted in these courses as well.

**Advanced Courses:** a program designed for students already proficient in Spanish to learn medical terminology while refining their conversational skills. Terms and concepts related to intake; diagnostics; surgical and non-surgical interventions; treatment and therapy regimens; and recovery and rehabilitation are introduced and reinforced through practical role-playing scenarios, drills, games, and other activities.

**Graduation Certificates:** Students who have successfully completed a course will receive a BMSC Certificate of Completion outlining the course topics and the hours completed

## Classes are held for one hour, twice per week

*AWLCI recommends that participants pay a small \$25 registration fee, as it has been shown to increase their commitment to complete the course. Registration fees are optional. Each partner can determine if they do or do not want this implemented.*

- **Times:** The below schedule is a sample. Times are updated quarterly and vary by level.

<i>most beginner</i>	Section 1: Saturdays 9:00am - 10:00am & Tuesdays 6:30pm - 7:30pm
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<i>most advanced</i>	Section 3: Saturdays 9:30am - 10:30pm & Wednesdays 6:30pm- 7:30pm
	Section 4: Saturdays 10:30am - 11:30am & Wednesdays 7:30 - 8:30pm

- **Course Dates:** There are eight sessions per year, with each course lasting for five weeks.
- **Courses are delivered in an online format**
- The **registration deadline** is two weeks prior to classes starting. Read below to learn more.

### Registration process: How students register

1. Complete the registration form. Students must register using their organization email. This ensures that the correct BMSC partner is billed for the enrollment. The registration will be completed once the registration form has been processed and BMSC confirms there are sessions remaining in the partnership agreement.
2. Complete the placement interview. Telephone interviews are used to determine class placement. These 15-minute calls are scheduled and conducted after registration. After the placement interview students are placed into a course.

### DEADLINES AND REFUNDS

The **Registration Deadline** is the latest we generally cancel courses that are under-enrolled. However, it is still possible for students to register and enroll after the registration deadline provided the course has not yet been closed.

Should a partner choose to incorporate the optional **registration fee** in their program, the fee will be **NONREFUNDABLE** unless the student does not place into one of the BMSC courses for the cycle selected. The placement is determined by the placement interviews.

**Tuition payments** are paid by BMSC partners when the partnership agreement is executed. Partners determine the number of sessions they are purchasing at the time of the agreement and each enrollment deducts one session from their chosen number. If a student cancels their enrollment prior to a session starting, BMSC will not deduct the student session from the total sessions they are entitled to. If a student registers and begins the course, BMSC will deduct the student session from their total sessions, regardless of whether or not the student completes the course.

**For more information and to become a BMSC partner, visit**  
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