



Customized Courses in Medical Spanish

Purpose:

- Students will be able to integrate critical vocabulary and sentence structure to communicate health care needs in Spanish.
- Students will develop cross-cultural skills and understanding.
- Speak and write simple full sentences correctly.

Method:

- Spanish is the primary language in the class.
- Use of games and exercises that make learning fun and effective.
- Emphasis on words sharing a common root meaning in Spanish and English.
- Gradual introduction of grammar in easy-to-master steps.

Content:

- Highly useful vocabulary, such as body parts, symptom descriptions, medical terms, common phrases, and names of medical personnel and family members.
- Polite language, cultural expressions, and nonverbal communication.
- Basic grammar
- Pronunciation, numbers, concepts of time, colors, and other important concepts.

Sample customized syllabus for medical health providers (2 week course)

Objectives of class number one:

1. Nouns (masculine, feminine and plurals). *Sustantivos (masculino, femenino y plurales)*
2. Pronunciation (vowels). *Pronunciación (vocales)*.
3. Adjectives (masculine, feminine and plurals). *Adjetivos (masculino, femenino y plurales)*
4. Let's start reading and speaking in Spanish; tell me about your pain. *Empecemos a leer y hablar el español. Cuénteme acerca de su dolor.*

Sample syllabus (continued)

Objectives of class number two:

1. Are you happy, sad, tired etc...*Esta Usted contento, triste, cansado etc.*
2. Learning about numbers, the days of the week and the months of the year. *Aprendiendo acerca de los números, los días de la semana y los meses del año.*
3. Personal pronouns and possessive pronouns; the verb to be. *Pronombres personales, pronombres posesivos y el verbo ser.*
4. Let's continue to read and speak in Spanish. Questions about smoking and drinking. *Continuemos leyendo y hablando el español. Preguntas acerca del hábito de fumar y beber.*

Objectives of class number three:

1. Comparative adjectives. *Adjetivos comparativos*
2. Concepts of time; what time is now? *Conceptos de tiempo ¿Qué hora es?*
3. Let's continue to read and speak in Spanish; Evaluation number 1 *Continuemos leyendo y hablando el español. Evaluación número 1*
4. Field Trip (Visita al Jardín Etnobotánico y Museo de Herbolaria)

Objectives of class number four:

1. Indefinite articles and the verb to have. *Artículos indefinidos.*
2. The verb "To be". *El verbo ser y el verbo estar.*
3. Interrogative!!! Let's learn how to ask in Spanish. *¡¡¡Interrogativo!!! Aprendamos a preguntar en español*
4. Let's start reading and speaking in Spanish; tell me about your fever. *Empecemos a leer y hablar el español. Cuénteme acerca de su fiebre.*

Objectives of class number five:

1. Let's learn how express ourselves in a polite way in Spanish. *Aprendamos cómo expresarnos amablemente en español.*
2. Present tense; the verbs to speak, to eat and to open. *Tiempo Presente.*
3. Let's start reading and speaking in Spanish; tell me about your cough. *Empecemos a leer y hablar el español. Cuénteme acerca de su tos.*
4. Let's continue to read and speak in Spanish; Evaluation number 2 *Continuemos leyendo y hablando el español. Evaluación número 2*

Objectives of class number six:

1. Construction of negative sentences. Construcción de oraciones negativas.
2. Past tense. Tiempo Pasado.
3. Adverbs of place. Adverbios de lugar
4. Let's continue to read and speak in Spanish; your blood pressure is elevated.
Continuemos leyendo y hablando el español. Su presión sanguínea esta elevada.

Objectives of class number seven:

1. The irregular verb to "have". El verbo irregular tener.
2. Adverbs of time. Adverbios de tiempo.
3. The irregular verbs to "give "and to "go". Los verbos irregulares dar e ir.
4. Let's continue to read and speak in Spanish; let's talk about your diabetes.
Continuemos leyendo y hablando el español. Hablemos acerca de su diabetes.

Objectives of class number eight:

1. The irregular verbs to "give "and to "go". Los verbos irregulares dar e ir.
2. Pronunciation of vowels (diphthongs in Spanish). Pronunciación de vocales (diptongos).
3. Let's continue to read and speak in Spanish; Evaluation number 3.
Continuemos leyendo y hablando el español. Evaluación número 3.
4. Field Trip (Visita a un dispensario médico)

Objectives of class number nine:

1. Future tense and present perfect; the verbs to speak, to eat and to open. Futuro y presente perfecto. Los verbos "Hablar", "Comer" y "Abrir".
2. The verb haber. El verbo haber.
3. Adverbs of quantity.
4. Let's continue to read and speak in Spanish; let's talk about your medications
Continuemos leyendo y hablando el español. Hablemos acerca de sus medicamentos.

Objectives of class number ten:

1. Some conjunctions and prepositions. Algunas conjunciones y preposiciones.
2. Adverbs of manner. Adverbios de modo.
3. Pronunciation of consonants. Pronunciación de consonantes.
4. Demonstrative articles y colores. Artículos demostrativos y colores.
5. Final course evaluation.
Evaluación final del curso.