

LANG 7029 MEDICAL INTERPRETING (PG)

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 100922

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Description This subject aims to develop students' skills and knowledge in interpreting at the Professional level (formerly NAATI Level 3) through the modes of dialogue interpreting, consecutive interpreting, simultaneous interpreting and sight translation in the domain of health services. Lectures are held in English for students of all languages. The tutorials are language specific in Arabic, Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Discipline Translating and Interpreting

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Equivalent Subjects LGYB 3385 - Medical Interpreting

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in a postgraduate program.

Assumed Knowledge

Bilingual competence in English and one of the languages offered by the School for the interpreting and translation programs.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. interpret a dialogue with segments of up to 60 words in length, in simulated triangular medical situations
2. interpret accurately over the phone or via video-link in medical/health settings
3. sight-translate documents such as medical papers, consent forms, information sheets, into both languages
4. interpret consecutively into both languages, passages of up to 300 words in length
5. interpret simultaneously into both languages, medical conference material as well as doctor's consultations with mental health patients
6. acquire an understanding of doctor-patient communication in the Australian context
7. apply essential knowledge of medical language, its history and etymology, and use the vocabulary relating to advanced medical matters
8. explain the ethical and cultural considerations of Health Care Interpreters
9. apply knowledge of the Australian medical system and of the medical system in the country/ies where the student's other language is spoken

10. demonstrate the skills to recognise prefixes, suffixes and root words, identify their meanings and build words, and identify words used with pathological conditions.

Subject Content

1. Theory and practice of dialogue interpreting in medical settings.
2. Theory and practice of consecutive interpreting in medical settings.
3. Theory and practice of sight translation of medical documents.
4. Theory and practice of simultaneous interpreting in medical settings.
5. Theory and practice of telephone and video-link interpreting in medical/health settings.
6. The history and main features of medical language.
7. Basic concepts and vocabulary relating to advanced medical matters.
8. Knowledge relating to working as a Health Care Interpreter.
9. Knowledge relating to the role and ethics of a Health Care Interpreter.
10. Knowledge relating to the Health Care systems of Australia.
11. Medical Terminology: prefixes, suffixes, and root words

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Professional Task	2–30 minutes	30	N	Individual	Y
Essay	1500-2000 words	20	N	Individual	Y
Final Exam	30 – 40 minutes	40	N	Individual	Y
Quiz	1 hour	10	N	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

Spring (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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