

ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE  
SYLLABUS

## SPA 117 BEGINNING SPANISH FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

Credit Hours: 3 Lec 3

PREREQUISITE: None (Recommended SPA 115 or SPA 101)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course covers basic Spanish language structure and vocabulary, appropriate phrasing, as well as specific acquisition of medical terminology, in a conversational setting.

1. COURSE GOALS

- 1.1 Produce clear, correct and coherent prose for the appropriate workplace
- 1.2 Communicate orally in clear, coherent, and appropriate language

2. OUTCOMES

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 2.1 recite simple phrasing to obtain health history and assessment information.
- 2.2 employ simple phrasing to give patients information about their condition(s).
- 2.3 apply conversational Spanish phrases for treatment and patient education.
- 2.4 use knowledge of basic cultural influences when talking to or treating patients.
- 2.5 use knowledge of basic cultural influences when communicating with family members.
- 2.6 integrate basic Spanish language grammar structures.
- 2.8 apply effective problem solving strategies in situations where appropriate vocabulary may not be available.
- 2.9 analyze and interpret printed material.

3. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Total Physical Response (TPR), along with the audio-lingual and natural approach
- 3.2 Discussions, readings, repetition of phrases, role playing of dialogues, and oral and written drills
- 3.3 Cultural multi-media
- 3.4 Small group and class discussions
- 3.5 Any supplementary or unique method of instruction as needed

4. LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- 4.1 Group work in the classroom
- 4.2 Oral and listening quizzes and tests
- 4.3 Cultural multi-media
- 4.4 Classroom discussions
- 4.5 Commands executed in class

5. EVALUATION

- 5.1 Class participation
- 5.2 Homework
- 5.3 Quizzes and exams (oral, aural, written, reading)

6. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 Under AWC Policy, students are expected to attend every session of class in which they are enrolled.
- 6.2 If a student is unable to attend the course or must drop the course for any reason, it will be the responsibility of the student to withdraw from the course. Students who are not attending as of

the 45th day of the course may be withdrawn by the instructor. If the student does not withdraw from the course and fails to complete the requirements of the course, the student will receive a failing grade.

- 6.3 Americans with Disabilities Act Accommodations: Arizona Western College provides academic accommodations to students with disabilities through AccessABILITY Resource Services (ARS). ARS provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students who have documented disabilities. It is the responsibility of the student to make the ARS Coordinator aware of the need for accommodations in the classroom prior to the beginning of the semester. Students should follow up with their instructors once the semester begins. To make an appointment call the ARS front desk at (928) 344-7674 or ARS Coordinator at (928) 344-7629, in the College Community Center (3C) building, next to Advising.
- 6.4 Academic Integrity: Any student participating in acts of academic dishonesty—including, but not limited to, copying the work of other students, using unauthorized “crib notes”, plagiarism, stealing tests, or forging an instructor’s signature—will be subject to the procedures and consequences outlined in AWC’s Student Code of Conduct.
- 6.5 Texts and Notebooks: Students are required to obtain the class materials for the course.
- 6.6 Arizona Western College students are expected to attend every class session in which they are enrolled. To comply with Federal Financial Aid regulations (34 CFR 668.21), Arizona Western College (AWC) has established an Attendance Verification process for “No Show” reporting during the first 10 days of each semester. Students who have enrolled but have never attended class may be issued a “No Show” (NS) grade by the professor or instructor and receive a final grade of “NS” on their official academic record. An NS grade may result in a student losing their federal financial aid. For online classes, *student attendance in an online class is defined as the following* (FSA Handbook, 2012, 5-90):
- Submitting an academic assignment
  - Taking an exam, an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction
  - Attending a study group that is assigned by the school
  - Participating in an online discussion about academic matters
  - Initiating contact with a faculty member to ask a question about the academic subject studied in the course