SPANISH LANGUAGE FOR VOLUNTEERS

Specific course for volunteers or people who would like to work in the areas of health and social work in a Spanish speaking country

Goal

To develop students' ability to understand and express themselves in Spanish in the areas of health and social work

Structure

The course will comprise two modules:

1. Intensive language course to provide students with the language knowledge and skills that underpin the specific area studies included in the second module
2. Specific language course aimed at developing the language knowledge and skills required to work in the health and social work areas.

Resources

Part 1: Book: to be advised
Handouts, CD's - DVDs – Video-tapes
Part 2: Handouts, Brochures, Video-tapes

Course content

Module 1: Students will acquire basic oral communications skills in Spanish.

- They will learn to introduce themselves and others and exchange personal information using appropriate oral expressions and social and cultural conventions.
- They will negotiate an oral transaction for goods and services expressing their views (buying food and clothes, ordering meals, stating likes and dislikes, booking hotels and tickets).
- They will also learn to use appropriate language to request information and locate places.
- They will describe states and conditions (applying specific grammar).

Module 2: Students will acquire the necessary skills to give and request information in the areas of health and social work. They will also attain an understanding of the differences between the Australian and Hispano American system structure.

Students will learn to use the relevant grammar and terminology

- To identify parts of the body, different systems and basic pathology
- To take a person’s medical and dental history
- To describe symptoms, including pain
- To give basic advice
• To gather information about social background, including family structure and history, accommodation and living conditions.
• To suggest different options for the client to solve his/her problems or overcome difficulties (including financial guidance and budget management)
• To explain domestic violence issues
• To understand cultural differences

Course duration: 1 year (3 terms)

Module 1: 20 weeks 2.5 hours per week
Module 2: 10 weeks 2.5 hours per week

Prior knowledge

Students without prior knowledge of Spanish need to complete the 20 week-intensive language program; those who have studied at least Spanish level 1 and 2 or similar courses will be able to start off the second module of the course.