

NURSING AND SPANISH

Illinois Wesleyan University offers a minor in Hispanic Studies as a complement to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The six-course minor includes a medical Spanish course, where linguistic and cultural skills are used in a professional setting.

The Need for Spanish-Speaking Nurses

- Latinx accounted for 54% of total population growth from 2000–2014
- By 2050, 29% of the United States is projected to be Spanish speaking
- Illinois has the 5th largest Latinx population in the United States with 1/3 of that population residing in the Chicagoland area
- Latinx are underrepresented in the nursing profession—under 3%
- IWU School of Nursing graduates working throughout the country report the benefits of a diverse set language skills and cultural awareness

Hispanic Studies Minor for Nursing Majors

Spanish language study, in conjunction with World Languages, Literature and Culture Department will provide an in-depth opportunity to prepare graduates to deliver culturally competent care by providing:

- Campus classes taught in Spanish
- Spanish/nursing internships in the United States
- Direct patient care experiences with Spanish-speaking health care professionals and patients in hospitals, clinics, or home care agencies

Study Abroad in Barcelona, Spain

Sophomore nursing students can study abroad in their spring semester. As part of the IWU Spain program, students live with host families which provides immersion in the Spanish language and culture. Students will take courses offered in Spanish through Barcelona School for International Studies (SIS) as well as, IWU nursing courses, and participate in clinical observations.

For more information, visit our Study Abroad webpage to learn about each individual program offered: www.iwu.edu/study-abroad



A Sampling of Courses Offered for the Minor:

Reading and Writing Culture
Advanced Grammar and Communication
Introduction to Literature
Medical Spanish and Cultural Competency for Health Care
Studies in Cultural History
Spanish for Social Justice
Travel Seminar

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