

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

NURSING AND SPANISH

Illinois Wesleyan University offers a formal minor in Hispanic Studies as a complement to the bachelor of science in nursing. The six-course minor includes work in language, literature, and culture through the University's Department of Hispanic Studies, including a medical Spanish course where linguistic and cultural skills are put to use in a professional context.

The Need for Spanish-Speaking Nurses

- Latinos accounted for 54% of total population growth from 2000 - 2014
- By 2050, 29% of the United States is projected to be Hispanic/Latino
- Illinois has the 5th largest Hispanic/Latino population in the U.S. and Chicago's population is nearly 1/3 Hispanic/Latino
- Hispanic/Latinos are underrepresented in nursing education — under 3%
- IWU graduates practice in areas where many Hispanic/Latinos speak Spanish as a primary language
- IWU graduates working throughout the country report the need for language skills as registered nurses

Hispanic Studies Minor for Nursing Majors

If you have a strong background in Spanish language study, declare a Hispanic Studies minor offered by the Hispanic Studies Department in cooperation with the School of Nursing:

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

All nurses must be prepared to provide culturally competent nursing care. Spanish language study will help prepare IWU nursing graduates to meet that challenge. Hispanic Studies offers several options to meet minor requirements.

Study Abroad as an IWU student

Barcelona, Spain; Sophomore nursing students can study abroad in their spring semester. Our IWU Spain program involves immersion in Spanish language and culture while living with host families. As part of the program, students take courses offered in Spanish through Barcelona School for International Studies (SIS) while taking IWU nursing courses and participating in clinical observation experiences.



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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