

**Los Medanos College Narrative for the
Certificate of Achievement in Spanish
July 2021**

Program Name: Certificate of Achievement - Spanish

Statement of Program Goals and Objectives:

The Certificate of Achievement in Spanish is designed to prepare students for varied career opportunities, become fluent in Spanish, and boost their speaking, writing and reading skills. The certificate may be completed in four semesters by taking the four-level Spanish 50-53 sequence. Similarly, the Certificate of Achievement is designed to prepare students to transfer to the California State University system because it is aligned with our Associate of Arts for Transfer Degree in Spanish and it would give students interested in Spanish who are unable to pursue the Associate Degree a certificate option. Possible career opportunities are varied and include, volunteer work or work as a tutor for students learning Spanish. Similarly, certificate earners may work with or for Spanish speaking individuals or groups within the community in educational and service related areas such as first responder emergency providers, fire, and hospital employees. In addition they may work in many service related fields and earn higher wages because they are bilingual in both oral and written skills and improve communication.

Catalogue Description:

The Certificate of Achievement in Spanish is designed to prepare students for varied career opportunities, become fluent in Spanish, and boost their speaking, writing and reading skills. Similarly, the certificate give students the opportunity to show potential employers in this country and in other countries that the student has completed a certain number of courses in Spanish and prepares students with an intermediate to advanced knowledge of Spanish and familiarizes them with the culture of Spain and Latin America. Enrich your worldview and learn one of the most widely spoken languages! Start your career in advertising or sales, become a Spanish teacher or work in multicultural education. Work as a travel agent, journalist or in business development management. Become bilingual and work in many service related fields earning a higher wage!

Course requirements for the Certificate of Achievement in Spanish:

Span-50 or 5
Select one course from List A.

List A-Select one of the following:

Span-046, Spanish for the Professions 3

Span-047, Spanish for the Healthcare Professionals 3

Span-057, Spanish for Spanish Speakers I 4

Span-060, Exploring Latino Cinema: A critical Analysis 3

Span-051 or 5

Select one additional course not already used from List A.

Take both courses below:

Span-052, Intermediate Spanish I 5

Span-053, Intermediate Spanish II 5

Total= 16-20 units

- Students who are eligible to enroll directly into Spanish 051 based on 2 years of high school coursework in Spanish may earn the certificate by taking 3 additional units from List A
- Students who are eligible to enroll directly into Spanish 052 based on 3 years of high school coursework in Spanish may earn the certificate by taking 6 additional units from List A

Background and Rationale

The objective of the Certificate of Achievement in Spanish is to provide students the opportunity to enrich their worldview and learn one of the most widely spoken languages in the world. Similarly, the Certificate is designed to prepare students for varied career opportunities, become fluent in Spanish, and boost their speaking, writing and reading skills. Similarly, Spanish courses at LMC have been highly enrolled and the program keeps growing. Students are showing a bigger interest in Spanish courses and many are completing the requirements needed for the local skills certificate. The Certificate of Achievement in Spanish is replacing the current Skills Certificate and it would give students interested in Spanish who are unable to pursue the Associate Degree a certificate option. It is important because it would provide educational experiences at the lower division level with depth, breadth and rigor to ensure that if students later decided to pursue an associate's degree in Spanish, they will be prepared for it.

Proposed Course Sequence

List the proposed sequence of program-specific courses and the projected enrollment:

Fall-Year 1 (list the courses to be offered each term and the projected enrollment)
Spanish 50 – Elementary Spanish I, 5 units OR one course from List A

Spring-Year 1
Spanish 51 – Elementary Spanish II, 5 units OR one course from List A

Fall-Year 2
Spanish 52 – Intermediate Spanish I, 5 units

Spring-Year 2
Spanish 53 – Intermediate Spanish II, 5 units

Projected number of students in the program*:

Fall-Year 1 **150**; Spring – Year 1 **150**
Fall-Year 2 **150**; Spring – Year 2 **150**

* Unduplicated total headcount in program-specific courses.