TO: Intermediate to Advanced Spanish speakers, class of 2021  
FROM: Marco Alemán, MD and Dan Reuland, MD MPH, Co-Directors  
RE: Medical Spanish Pathway: Comprehensive Advanced Medical Program of Spanish (CAMPOS)

¡Felicitaciones en ser aceptado/a como estudiante en nuestra escuela de medicina! CAMPOS es un programa de enriquecimiento en nuestra escuela de medicina. Si su conocimiento o fuente de español está a un nivel intermedio o avanzado nosotros le invitamos a que aplique al programa.

If you can read this, we hope you’ll consider applying to CAMPOS, a four-year program designed to help UNC medical students who are intermediate to advanced Spanish speakers maintain their language skills and enhance their ability to care for the growing number of Spanish-speaking patients of our state and the nation. We are seeking students with prior experience or an interest in serving the Spanish speaking Latino population.

Some benefits of joining CAMPOS include: 1) receiving elective credit for a Medical Spanish elective during the first year and a half of medical school; 2) involvement in service activities which benefit the Latino community members; 3) clinical rotation placement, when feasible, in communities with a higher proportion of Spanish-speaking patients; 4) fourth year ambulatory clinic selective working with Spanish-speaking patients and 5) opportunities to work with fellow students and faculty who share a common interest in working with this population.

The bulk of program activities take place in the first year and a half. Certain requirements must be met to successfully complete the program. These include the medical Spanish course (for credit), participating in skill-building sessions with simulated patients who speak Spanish; Spanish fluency assessments, and participating in health related, and service-learning projects in the community. We accept about twenty-five students per year. Acceptance is based partly on results of a standardized language fluency assessment done over the phone that you need to complete this summer, your written application (the essay is important to express your commitment to serving the Latino population), and completion of an application. This program is voluntary and does not affect graduation requirements (i.e. withdrawal from the program would in no way affect a student’s ability to graduate from the School of Medicine).

To learn more about CAMPOS, and to complete an application form and survey, please visit our website at http://www.med.unc.edu/campos. Click on Application Process and follow the instructions. Once we receive your on-line application (the deadline is June 19, 2017), we will contact you by e-mail about how to complete the language fluency assessment. The assessment is done over a land-line phone (no cell phones as the reception can be spotty) and must be completed by June 26, 2017. You’ll receive an email the week of orientation to medical school letting you know about your acceptance.

If you have questions, please feel free to email Dr. Marco Alemán, the CAMPOS director of program and curriculum maleman@med.unc.edu or call 919-966-2276, or the CAMPOS staff assistant, Mr. Ricky Phillips, at 919-843-0855 or ricky_phillips@med.unc.edu.

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