



COMPREHENSIVE ADVANCED MEDICAL PROGRAM OF SPANISH
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

TO: Intermediate to Advanced Spanish speakers, class of 2026
FROM: Marco Alemán, MD, Director
RE: Medical Spanish Pathway: Comprehensive Advanced Medical Program of Spanish (CAMPOS)

¡Felicitaciones en ser aceptado/a como estudiante en nuestra facultad de medicina! CAMPOS es un programa de enriquecimiento en nuestra facultad 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 Latinx 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 that benefit the Latinx community.
- 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.
- 5) Fourth-year medical Spanish Seminars useful for internship and residency.
- 6) Opportunities to work with a community of fellow students and faculty who share a common interest in working with the Latinx 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 on results of a standardized language fluency assessment done over the phone that you need to complete this summer and your completed written application including the essay, where it is important to express your prior experiences with and future commitment to serving the Latinx population.** 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).

CAMPOS has a relatively new collaboration with Piedmont Health Services (PHS), <https://www.piedmonthealth.org/> for those students who want a focus of their career to include working with the underserved Spanish-speaking population. PHS is a group of Federally Funded Community Centers located in several counties near Chapel Hill. PHS provides a full spectrum of health care to children, adults, older adults, pregnant women and has integrated behavioral health services. For further information about CAMPOS and PHS Clinical Track, please click [here](#) or go the CAMPOS website.

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 10, 2022**), we will contact you **by e-mail** about how to complete the language fluency assessment. The assessment is done over a **landline phone (no cell phones, as the reception can be spotty)** and **must be completed by June 28, 2022**. 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, at maleman@med.unc.edu or call 919-966-0115, or the CAMPOS staff assistant, Ms. Carol Carden, at 919-966-7776 or carol_carden@med.unc.edu