



COMPREHENSIVE ADVANCED MEDICAL PROGRAM OF SPANISH

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

TO: Intermediate to Advanced Spanish speakers, Class of 2027
FROM: Marco Alemán, MD, Director; Ana Bermúdez, MD, Assistant 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 y fluidez 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 a strong interest in serving the Spanish-speaking Latinx population.**

Some benefits of joining CAMPOS include:

- 1) Receiving one month of fourth year elective credit upon completion of a Medical Spanish elective conducted over three semesters during the first year and a half of medical school (Foundation Phase).
- 2) Involvement in service activities that benefit the Latinx community (Foundation Phase).
- 3) Clinical rotation placement, when feasible, in communities with a higher proportion of Spanish-speaking patients.
- 4) Case-based discussions, in Spanish, on common ambulatory medicine topics during this required third year (Application Phase) four-month long rotation in ambulatory care.
- 5) Fourth- year (Individualization Phase) ambulatory clinic selective in various medical specialties working with Spanish-speaking patients.
- 6) Fourth-year (Individualization Phase) medical Spanish Seminars useful for internship and residency.
- 7) 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), other required activities in the clinical years, 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 very 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.piedmonthhealth.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 14, 2023**), we will contact you **by e-mail** about how to complete the language fluency assessment. The assessment is best done over a **landline phone (if you have access to one) but can use a cell phone if you can ensure a very good connection, as the reception can be spotty)** and **must be completed by June 27, 2023. We are unable to offer a retest of this language fluency assessment due to dropped calls.** You will 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 the CAMPOS staff assistant, Ms. Carol Carden, carol_carden@med.unc.edu