**What is Spanish?**

If you speak Spanish you can communicate with almost 500 million people worldwide. Imagine how many friends you could make, think about how many more employment opportunities that could give you! If you're traveling in Latin America or Spain, a little knowledge of Spanish will go a long way and of course, if you're planning to retire or relocate in a Spanish speaking country, Spanish is a must in order to get the most out of your new life. Recent surveys indicate that more than 80 agencies of the federal government rely on professionals with intermediate to high-level competence in foreign languages. Foreign language study provides the ability to gain an understanding of the cultures of US trading partners. American multinational corporations and nongovernmental organizations need people with foreign language abilities. The ability to compete effectively in global markets means that more and more businesses deal with companies in other countries. They need employees who can communicate in foreign languages and understand other cultures. An employer will see you as a bridge to new clients if you know their language.

**Degrees & Certificates Offered:**

* **Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T) in Spanish**

**Areas of Interest**

* Foreign language instruction
* Linguistics
* Developing instructional materials
* Teaching others

**Skills**

* Spanish
* Prepare course material
* Office Suite
* Speech clarity
* Think Creatively

**Transfer Related Majors**

* **Chico State**: Spanish
* **CSU Fresno**: Spanish
* **CSU Long Beach**: Spanish
* **CSU Los Angeles**: Spanish
* **CSU Sacramento**: Spanish
* **CSU San Diego State**: Spanish
* **CSU San Francisco**: Spanish
* **CSU Northridge**: Spanish
* **UC Berkeley**: Literature
* **UC Santa Barbara**: Spanish
* **UC San Diego**: Spanish

**Work Environment**

* Understand laws and regulations of the United States
* Organizing tours and arranging for transportation, meals, entertainment, and shopping
* Location of work for interpreters may change with assignment
* Translating hospital brochures, and election notices for federal, state and county governments

**Potential Job Titles**

* Tour Guide
* Immigration Inspector
* Interpreter or Translator
* Border Patrol Agent
* Call Center Agent
* Reporter
* Front Desk Receptionist
* Teacher
* Writer or Author

**Potential Employers**

* Travel and Hospitality
* Entertainment
* Colleges and Universities
* Translation Agencies
* Corporations
* Law Firms
* Department of Social Services

**Earnings**

Earnings vary based on experience and occupation. As of 2019, the average annual wages for CNAs in California range from entry-level to more experienced positions. For specific details, visit California Career Zone at cacareerzone.org.

**Helpful Resources:**

· LAMC Career Center: lamission.edu/careercenter

· CSU Majors: degrees.calstate.edu

· UC Majors: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu

· Career Exploration: cacareerzone.org

For more detailed guidance on degrees, or career advice, you can contact the LAMC Career Center at **careercenter@lamission.edu**.