Our Mission

The mission of the Idaho State Physician Assistant program is to train PAs through service-oriented, multimodal, innovative learning. Graduates from ISU’s PA Program will be highly competent, compassionate health care providers dedicated to serving individuals and their communities.

Medical Spanish Opportunities

- **Graduate Certificate in Spanish for Health Professions (SHP) (15 credits).** Credits counting toward the Graduate Certificate can be earned by PAS coursework/clinical rotations, as well as coursework and experience obtained after graduation from the PA Program while continuing pursuit of the certificate. There are two core areas of instruction: The Language Core and the Culture Core.

- **Access to individual SHP courses.** Courses are designed to be flexible enough to fit a PA student’s schedule and also enhance what the PA student is learning in the MPAS curriculum.

- **International Rotation and Medical Mission experiences.** In addition to course offerings and the Graduate Certificate in SHP, MPAS students are eligible to participate in two short term medical service trips to Spanish-speaking countries, Dominican Republic and Peru, and an international clinical rotation in Belize.

Graduate Certificate in Spanish for Health Professions

This is a 15-credit elective opportunity focusing on both Spanish language and Latino culture. The credits may be earned by PAS and Spanish coursework obtained during the Program, along with pre-approved second year clinical rotations. The certificate is offered to PA students as well as practicing PAs.

For more information, visit: isu.edu/glbstdy/HCP/graduate_certificate.shtml

Scholarship Eligibility

- A renewable $2,000 stipends, up to $8,000 over two years, is available for five students who are interested in pursuing the Latino Health Track (LHT). If accepted into the LHT, students must take the offered Medical Spanish courses; be pursuing the Graduate Certificate in SHP; and complete five of the eight clinical rotations in high-density Latino populated areas.

- Acceptance into the LHT is competitive. While a greater language proficiency will increase competitiveness, it is not required, nor is Latino heritage. A career objective to serve Latino communities is the greatest asset.

- Students offered a seat to the PA Program or on the alternate list will be sent an application in Summer 2018. Those accepted into the LHT will be