



COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING MEDICAL SPANISH

PATHWAY: **GLOBAL HEALTH EQUITY**

Project Description

- Achieve medical Spanish fluency through oncampus and online language learning programs
- Work in clinics and within the community in pursuit of health equity for marginalized populations

Annual Student Activities

- 36 students have successfully completed bilingual physician curriculum and certification
- Opportunities for international clinical service and language immersion training
- Health fairs, conversation groups, home dinners, and cultural activities

Community Outcomes/Results

- Regular community health screenings and education on diabetes, hypertension, nutrition, and elevated cholesterol
- Over 800 people screened last year
- Increased healthcare worker capacity to overcome language and cultural barriers to care
- Sustained medical home for the uninsured immigrant community of Hampton Roads in bilingual, student-run free Clinica Esperanza, currently serving over 200 patients

FACILITATORS

- Alexandra Leader, MD, MPH
- Lydia Cleveland, MPH

PARTNERS

- Local & International NGOs, Non-Profits
- Religious Organizations
- Schools and Universities
- Local Health Systems

THE NEED

- Individuals of Hispanic origin are the fastest growing population in Hampton Roads (26.2% growth in VA since 2010)
- Individuals of Hispanic origin are often medically underserved due to language barriers between patient and provider, and many other social determinants of health

CERTIFICATION OR QUALIFICATION

Bilingual physician certificate