

# BILINGUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES: ESPERANZA, GRADUATE/ PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

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#### APPLICATIONS TO THE CERTIFICATE IN BILINGUAL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES: ESPERANZA

Applications must be submitted by the first Monday of November.

The certificate director reviews applications and notifies students of acceptance during the second week of November.

#### Application Process

For admission into the Esperanza certificate, students must:

1. Be enrolled in a graduate program in Counseling, School, or Rehabilitation Psychology or other health-related field (e.g., Social Work, Nursing, Family Medicine and Public Health).
2. Demonstrate advanced Spanish proficiency on the ACTFL Proficiency Placement Test (<https://www.languageTesting.com/actfl-proficiency-placement-test-appt/>).
3. Complete and submit the application form to the Director of the Esperanza certificate with the following information:
  - a. Name and graduate program
  - b. Documented Spanish-language proficiency
  - c. Letter of support from the student's academic advisor
  - d. Course workload and timeline of how Esperanza certificate fits student's schedule
  - e. 500-word application essay written in Spanish addressing the reasons why the student wants to complete the Esperanza certificate; professional and personal goals; and professional and/or personal experience in the Spanish language
  - f. Access the application form on the certificate's webpage here (<https://esperanza.wisc.edu/apply-now/>).
4. In addition to the steps outlined above, all Graduate School students must utilize the Graduate Student Portal in MyUW to add, change, or discontinue any graduate/professional certificate. To apply to this certificate, log in to MyUW, click on Graduate Student Portal, and then click on Add/Change Programs. Select the information for the certificate for which you are applying. Professional students in the careers of Law, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Veterinary cannot add the

certificate in the Graduate Student Portal, and should contact the program for more information.