

Design Brief

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Problem/Need

It is evident that Spanish-speaking Hispanics in the United States have difficulty accessing the healthcare system and experience less continuity of care compared to most Americans. There are many resources about health benefits that can help with the cost of healthcare, however, most of these resources are inaccessible to Spanish-speaking Hispanics because they are written in English.

Many Hispanic families who don't speak English have little to no education about health benefits or healthcare services, and often find themselves paying an expensive medical bill for visiting an urgent care or ER rather than a personal physician.

By increasing access to Spanish learning materials via mobile learning, we can expect a lower number of uninsured Hispanics and an increase in regular visits for preventive care. More Spanish-speakers will take advantage the many health benefit options and healthcare services available to them.

Learning Objectives

After listening to my podcast, I hope listeners will work to diversify the educational resources in their workplace for people whose English is not their native language, particularly people that aren't able to yet communicate in English. Although the topic of this podcast is about Spanish-speakers accessing healthcare services, there are many communities that can benefit from additional resources in a language they can understand.

Learning Activities

Although the podcast is more independent learning, I encourage discussion of this topic through my blog and social media. My vision for this podcast is to create a community of people that are interested in improving learning material for learners whose English is not their native language. Through this community, discussion and collaboration will help drive future ideas and projects to implement diverse resources.

Tools/Media/Resources

I will be posting this podcast recording as a blog post on my website then share in all my social media sites to gain a following. By creating regular podcasts, I hope to improve my verbal communication skills as well.

I used my iPhone's Voice Memos app to record my content, then used Adobe Audition to add music and make edits to my recordings. I plan to continue using these tools, especially Adobe Audition, because I want to learn more about this tool for future use.

Assessment

I will evaluate the success of my learning objectives by the site activity, discussion posts and feedback, as well as number of likes and shares in social media. Part of my objective includes awareness of the topic and interest.

Reflection/Evaluation

I may have found something new to work towards in my professional career. I received my Bachelor's in Modern Languages with emphasis in Spanish and Spanish translation so I'm happy to be including that knowledge in my current professional life. Pursuing this new project will help me improve my translation skills by creating new learning material in Spanish.

As I mentioned previously, I hope to improve my verbal communication skills by continuing to produce new podcasts about topics I feel passionate about. Communication, whether verbal or written, has always been an improvement area for me in both English and Spanish.

With this podcast, I hope to spark curiosity and awareness of this topic from other healthcare professionals to better improve the lives of minorities living in the U.S.