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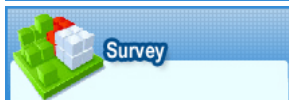
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EMCC center celebrates first Spanish medical interpreter Feb.20, 2009



She plans to continue her education at the SouthWest Skill Center by starting either the Medical Assistant or Nurse Assistant Program.

"When the Spanish Medical Interpreter Program started here at the SouthWest Skill Center, I thought it would be a great starting point for my career," she said. She plans to become a nurse and wanted to be prepared to practice in both Spanish and English.

"As a Spanish speaker, I'd be able to interpret for families in a medical situation."

For more information about the SouthWest Skill Center, call 623-535-2700.

Estrella Mountain Community College is on Thomas and Dysart Roads in Avondale and offers transfer-ready academic courses and job-specific occupational training to approximately 13,000 students annually. Estrella Mountain is part of the [Maricopa County Community College District](#), one of the largest community college districts in the nation.

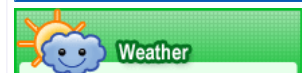
Photo: Licette Valenzuela

A serious wreck or other major medical emergency can be difficult and frightening enough without adding the barrier and stress of the patient of victim not being able to speak the same language as the medical professionals trying to rescue them.

It was a near-fatal wreck involving Licette Valenzuela's family that made her want to help Spanish-speaking patients who might otherwise not be able to communicate with care providers. At a ceremony March 6, she will be one of the first SouthWest Skill Center students to get her Spanish Medical Interpreter Certificate.

Estrella Mountain Community College's Southwest Skill Center will celebrate the accomplishments of 156 students at its completion ceremony at 4 p.m. March 6, 2009 in the Ceremonial Plaza at the college, 3000 N. Dysart Road in Avondale.

The 12-week program began in November and Valenzuela, a receptionist at the SouthWest Skill Center, saw an opportunity to boost her resume.



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