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**The Essential Piece™ 45-Hour Multilingual Medical Interpreter
Training Course Offered at Quincy Medical Center
Saturdays, September 11 – December 11, 2010**

Quincy, MA (August 3, 2010) – Quincy Medical Center (QMC) and Culturesmart, Inc. have teamed up to offer the third 45-Hour Medical Interpreter Training Course at QMC, 114 Whitwell Street, Quincy, on Saturdays from September 11 through December 11, 2010. Twenty-three medical interpreters of Chinese and Vietnamese have previously graduated from this program at Quincy Medical Center in the past year.

The course, called The Essential Piece™, is taught by Culturesmart staff professionals and is geared for bi-lingual speakers of English and Mandarin, Cantonese, Toishanese or Vietnamese who wish to become medical interpreters. Upon completing the 45-hour course and passing the final exam, candidates will receive a medical interpreter certificate.

Classes will be held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. from September 11 through December 11, 2010. The course is \$695, including tuition and exam. Class size is limited. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. For course details or to register, go to www.culturesmart.org and select The Essential Piece at Quincy Medical Center course. Please call Lola Tom at 617.376.5493 with any questions.

Quincy Medical Center is a 196-bed acute care community-teaching hospital, providing the highest quality, most personalized and comprehensive medical and surgical services to patients throughout the South Shore. A private, nonprofit hospital, QMC has played a vital role in the community since 1890, serving the needs of its diverse patient population without exception. Quincy Medical Center is uniquely positioned for the health care system of the future, as it is a high value provider with outcomes at or better than most national quality benchmarks and it delivers this care in a cost efficient manner as one of the lowest cost providers in the region. QMC is a clinical affiliate of Tufts Medical Center.

Culturesmart, Inc. is a Quincy-based organization that specializes in medical interpreter training programs that help reduce linguistic and cultural barriers to quality healthcare.

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