Career Outlook: Modern Languages

Modern Languages Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

- **Major:** Spanish (B.A.)
- **Minors:** Ojibwe, Spanish
- **Certificate:** Ojibwe Language Instruction

**Employment Areas and Projected Demand:**
Modern Language graduates can work in a variety of different areas including the government, education, business, public relations, and community service areas including translators. Employment of high school teachers is projected to grow 4 percent from 2018 to 2028, about as fast as the average for all occupations.

“Occupational Outlook Handbook” reports that employment for a foreign language interpreters and translators is expected to grow 19% (much faster than average) through 2028 resulting directly from the broadening of international ties and the large increases in the number of non-English speaking people in the United States. People established in their career as a translator generally earn between $27,230 and $90,610 per year with the median pay of $49,930.

**Placement Information for Modern Language Graduates:**
Of the 3 Bemidji State University 2017-2018 Modern Language graduates holding a Spanish B.A, 66.7% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or continuing their education.

**Partial List of Employers Who Have Reported Hiring BSU Modern Language Graduates:**
- Allianz Life: Financial Analyst, Golden Valley, MN
- CEIP Maestro Canos Sanmartin School: Language Assistant, Valencia, CA
- Concordia Language Villages: Camp Counselor, Bemidji, MN
- Deer River School District: 5th Grade Teacher, Deer River, MN
- Deer River School District: Special Education Paraprofessional, Deer River, MN
- University of Winnipeg: Faculty of Education, Winnipeg, ON

**Colleges and Universities Where Previous BSU Modern Language Graduates Have Gone to Continue Their Education:**
- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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