

South Central College

HC 1000 Medical Terminology I

Common Course Outline

Course Information

Description This course is an introduction to the language of medicine that is used in the health care profession. The student will learn to spell, pronounce, define, and interpret medical terminology related to body structure, disease, diagnosis, and treatment. (Prerequisites: None)

Total Credits 3

Total Hours 48

Types of Instruction

Instruction Type	Credits/Hours
Lecture	3/48

Pre/Corequisites

None

Institutional Core Competencies

Communication - Students will be able to demonstrate appropriate and effective interactions with others to achieve their personal, academic, and professional objectives.

Critical and Creative Thinking - Students will be able to demonstrate purposeful thinking with the goal of using

3. Describe anatomical positions and directional terminology.

Learning Objectives

Identify the body cavities and recognize the organs contained in those cavities.
Describe terms related to positions, directions, and planes of the body.

4. Use medical terminology to describe a variety of pathological conditions related to body systems.

Learning Objectives

Identify the organs and the functions of various body systems such as gastrointestinal, lymphatic, sensory, etc.
Explain abnormal conditions of various body systems.

5. Explain the use of terminology in major organ systems including but not limited to musculoskeletal, gastrointestinal, and respiratory.

Learning Objectives

Define shared terms of major organ systems.
Define unique terms of major organ systems.

6. Explore a variety of medical specialty areas including but not limited to radiography, anesthesia, and outpatient therapies.

Learning Objectives

Identify medical terminology specific to specialty areas.
Practice crafting medical documentation.

7. Develop familiarity with complementary terminology associated with specific body systems.

Learning Objectives

Translate complementary body system terminology.
Define complementary body system terminology.

8. Demonstrate awareness of proper spelling and pronunciation of the medical language.

Learning Objectives

Spell medical terms related to specific body systems.
Practice pronunciation of medical terms related to specific body systems.

9. Engage in conversation using medical terminology.

Learning Objectives

Practice scenarios with a classmate that involve body system specific terminology.
Use correct prefixes, suffixes, and combining forms when utilizing medical terms within a conversation.

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