

Medical Terminology

AH 171 – 3 credits

Course Description: This course introduces the basics of medical terminology. Attention will be given to correct definitions, pronunciation, and spelling of medical terms. Common medical abbreviations will be integrated throughout the units.

Prerequisites: None

Course Objectives: After completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify the meanings and uses of common medical terms as related to each body system.
2. Identify body systems, structures and functions.
3. Demonstrate correct punctuation and spelling of commonly used medical terms.
4. Identify medical abbreviations and their meanings.
5. Describe common diagnostic procedures related to each body system.
6. Describe common pathological conditions of each body systems.

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Required Textbook: Medical Terminology for Health Professionals (7th Ed)

Course Requirements

- The student is expected to read the assigned reading material and come to class prepared for discussion.
- The student is expected to attend class and participate in class discussions and class assignments. Class assignments will count toward your grade.
- The student is required to complete all assignments, chapter exams, and final exam. If prior arrangements are not made, late assignments are worth half credit, no exceptions.
- Exams are to be closed book, closed notes, and closed neighbors. These are timed exams taken through Moodle. Make-up exams are not allowed unless prior arrangements have been made in advance. Only 1 make-up exam is allowed during the semester.

Grading Scale: There are a possible 1030 points available for this course which consist of:

Chapter Exams: 14 exams x 50 points = 700 points

Chapter Assignments: 15 assignments x 10 points = 150 points

Final Exam: 100 points

Attendance: 80 points (2 points per day)

A = 927 to 1030 (90% to 100%)

B = 824 to 926 (80% to 89%)

C = 721 to 823 (70% to 79%)

D = 618 to 720 (60% to 69%)

FAIL = 617 and below (59% and below)

Technology: All cell phones and other electronic devices are to be turned off or set to vibrate during class. Texting is not permitted in class.

Academic Integrity: All students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Dishonesty is a serious offense and is subject to disciplinary action by the instructor and college administration.

Disability Policy: Students who have a disability for which they need accommodations are encouraged to contact their instructor and the Learning Center to request disability support services as soon as possible at the start of the semester.

Tentative Course Outline

Week 1: Introduction & Syllabus

Week 2: Chapter 1 - Introduction to Medical Terminology

Week 3: Chapter 2 - The Human Body in Health & Disease

Week 4: Chapter 12 – Skin: The Integumentary System

Week 5: Chapter 3 – The Skeletal System

Week 6: Chapter 4 – The Muscular System

Week 7: Chapter 10 – The Nervous System

Week 8: Chapter 13 – The Endocrine System

Week 9: Chapter 11 – Special Senses: The Eyes and Ears

Week 10: Chapter 5 – The Cardiovascular System

Week 11: Chapter 6 – The Lymphatic & Immune System

Week 12: Chapter 7 – The Respiratory System

Week 13: Chapter 8 – The Digestive System

Week 14: Chapter 9 – The Urinary System

Week 15: Chapter 14 – The Reproductive System

Week 16: Chapter 15 – Diagnostic Procedures, Nuclear Medicine, and Pharmacology

No class:

September 2 – Labor Day

October 9 – Assessment Day

November 11 – Veteran's Day

November 29 – Thanksgiving break