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 = 968 to 1050 (94% to 100%)
B = 906 to 967 (88% to 93%)
C = 845 to 905 (82% to 87%)
D = 783 to 844 (76% to 81%)
FAIL = 782 and below (75% 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 office 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 3 – Labor Day
October 3 – Assessment Day
November 12 – Veteran's Day
November 23 – Thanksgiving break