

Common Course Outline

A. Identifying Information

1. Course Prefix: HLTH
2. Course Number: 1010
3. Health Professions Terminology
4. Offered: Fall/Spring/Summer
5. 3 Credits

B. Course Description

Comprehensive course designed for mastering the medical language used in all professions and industries relating to health care. Course includes an introduction of body systems in relation to medical terminology. Utilization, understanding, and pronunciation of medical terms are incorporated into lab each week.

C. Learning Outcomes

1. Comprehend the structure of the medical language
 - Master the fundamentals of word analysis, including the separation of terms into word roots or combining forms, common prefixes and suffixes.
 - Demonstrate how to pronounce and spell plural and adjective forms of medical term.
 - Identify the best methods for assimilating word meanings
2. Differentiate types of medical terms and their relationships among terms
 - Analyze relationships among illness, diagnostic, and procedural terms
 - Identify the interrelationships underlying groups of medical terms, including root elements; disorders of selected body systems; diagnostic, surgical, and pathological terms; and abbreviations
 - Understand the usage and spelling of medical terms and their synonyms in lay usage
3. Analyze and interpret medical communications used to document healthcare.
 - Understand the written language of medicine
 - Interpret medical records for the meaning of prefixes, suffixes, anatomical terms, pathological terms, procedural terms, lab tests and abbreviations.

D. Outline of Major Content Area

1. The Language of Health Care
 - Prefixes
 - Root Words
 - Suffixes
2. The Terminology of Body Systems. Essential medical terminology for each body system:
 - Integumentary System
 - Musculoskeletal System
 - Hematology
 - Immune System
 - Endocrine System
 - Nervous System

- Special Senses
- Respiratory System
- Cardiovascular System
- Gastrointestinal System
- Urinary System
- Male Reproductive System
- Female Reproductive System

3. Special Topics

- Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Postpartum
- Mental Health
- Oncology

E. Method of Evaluation

Course evaluation may include (but is not limited to) class attendance and participation, textbook exercises, chapter quizzes, midterm, and final examinations.