

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY**COURSE NUMBER & TITLE:**

AH 290 Medical Terminology

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CREDIT HOURS:

2 semester hours

PREREQUISITES:

None

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to acquaint the student with the specialized language of medicine and with the need for precise communication which is required by practitioners in medicine and related fields.

Derivations of the terms, definitions, current usage, and spelling will be emphasized.

COMPETENCIES:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to meet the following competencies:

1. Correctly define, spell, and use most conventional medical terms.
2. Identify common variation in pronunciation.
3. Be familiar with standard resource materials related to medical terminology.

COURSE ACCESS:

Course can be accessed on Blackboard through the www.wku.edu website or <https://blackboard.wku.edu>. You must download a free copy of Respondus Lockdown Browser, which is available from the Blackboard Software tab at the top of your screen.

For help with this process contact the IT Helpdesk at 270-745-7000. You must use Respondus to take exams.

TEXTBOOKS:

Chabner, Davi-Ellen, The Language of Medicine, 10th edition, W. B. Saunders Co., Philadelphia, PA.

REFERENCES:

Though not required, you may purchase one of the following:

Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, latest edition, F. A. Davis, Philadelphia, PA.

Dorland's Illustration Medical Dictionary, latest edition, W. B. Saunders, Philadelphia, PA.

Stedman's Concise Medical Dictionary Illustrated. James T. McDonough, Jr., Ph.D., Williams and Wilkins, Baltimore, MA, latest edition.

EXAMINATIONS:

Three exams and a Final Exam are given. A testing window will be announced in advance of each exam. Students are expected to take examinations when scheduled. Tests in this course are typically multiple choice and/or matching. The tests are administered online.

CLASS PARTICIPATION AND PROFESSIONALISM:

1. This course requires that you participate in class discussions. This means that you contribute to class discussions by relating your experiences, asking questions, making comments appropriate to the topics being discussed. Students will be assigned readings in the textbook which will be discussed from time to time on the discussion board. In order for the discussions to be meaningful, each student must have read the assigned reading and make **meaningful** comments. Since participation plays a role in your final grade, it is essential that you have read the assignment and contribute to the discussion board.
2. All students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner while online. Unprofessional behavior such as, but not limited to, the use of inappropriate language and/or rudeness toward **ANY** person will be considered a serious violation of this standard and will lower your grade accordingly.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

Students will be required to complete the following assignments:

1. Complete the workbook as instructed (Do not turn assignments into Instructor).
2. Take unit tests and Final Exam.
3. Participate in Discussion Board.

EVALUATIONS:

The following grading system will be used:

90% - 100% = A

80% - 89% = B

70% - 79% = C

60% - 69% = D

0% - 59% = F

Three Unit Exams and Final Exam = 80%
(20% each)

Spelling Tests = 10% (5% each)

Discussion Board = 10% (Must participate in a least the minimum of the 2nd and 3rd Forum)

Total 100%

- *Students with disabilities who require accommodations (academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids or services) for this course must contact the Office for Student Disability Services, A200, DUC. The OFSDS telephone number is (270)745-5004 V/TDD.*

- **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

Students are expected to be familiar with university policies regarding plagiarism, cheating, and/or academic dishonesty (please see the WKU Student Handbook). This type of behavior will result in a zero for the assignment/exam and/or failure for the course.

- **Note: This syllabus is subject to change until 1st day of class.**
- If you have questions concerning this syllabus, send an e-mail message to:
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