

Course Information Form (CIF)

Course Code: HCS 154

Course Title: Medical Terminology

Department: Allied Health

Effective Date: Summer 2026

PCS Code: 1.2 - Occupational/Technical Instruction

CIP Code: 51.071

Repeatability: 0

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 3-0-3

Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

Total: 3

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Building medical vocabulary, including learning to pronounce, spell, define, and analyze medical terms.

General Course Objectives

Students will build medical vocabulary necessary for a successful career in a health profession.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 099	Placement out of CCS 098	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

13-15 quizzes, 1 midterm exam, 1 final exam, 1 project (presentation on a specific disease or condition), 12-15 drop box chapter assignments, and 2-3 discussion board posts.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Medical Terminology: A Living Language, 7th edition. Bonnie F. Frengen, Suzanne S. Frucht. ISBN: 9780134701202

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Communication: Students will demonstrate the ability to read, write, listen, and speak effectively.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Introduction to Medical Terminology	1. List the importance of medical terminology in the Health Careers field. 2. Develop critical thinking skills to identify proper medical terminology.	10	0	0
Building A Medical Vocabulary (prefixes and suffixes)	1. Distinguish a medical term into its parts (prefix, suffix, root, and combining forms). 2. Identify and define the meaning for all parts of a word.	5	0	0
Understanding the Body and Its Structure: Skeletal System, Muscular System, Integumentary System, Cardiovascular and Lymphatic Systems, Respiratory System, Gastrointestinal System, Urinary System, Endocrine System, Nervous System, Special Senses, and Abbreviations	1. Identify the different human body systems and structures. 2. List common medical terms and medical conditions associated with each body system.	15	0	0
Adding to the Foundation	1. Create sentences using specific medical terms relating to a diagnosis in body system.	5	0	0
Hospital Reports/Case Study	1. Define and identify medical terms from mock hospital or clinic reports. 2. Identify cultural diversity and awareness related to the medical condition.	8	0	0
Review	1. Summarize key concepts associated with medical terminology and dissection of medical words; use in a sentence. 2. Identify words/terms for specific body systems and structures.	2	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0