

Virginia Western Community College

HLT 141

Introduction to Medical Terminology

Prerequisites

None

Course Description

Provides an understanding of medical abbreviations and terms. Includes study of prefixes, suffixes, word stems, technical terms and emphasizing proper spelling, pronunciation and usage. Emphasizes more complex skills and technique in understanding medical terminology as it relates to anatomy, physiology and pathology.

Semester Credits: 1

Lecture Hours: 1

Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

Required Materials

Textbook:

A Short Course in Medical Terminology. Collins, C. Edward & DePetris, 2nd Edition. Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins. ISBN: 9780781798839

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Correctly pronounce medical terms
- Divide the terms into their components and define each component to construct a definition
- Relate the terms to the body as a whole
- Understand pathological conditions/diseases as they relate to the anatomy and physiology of the body systems
- Understand the appropriate use of medical abbreviations

Topical Description

Ch 1	Analyzing Medical Terms
Ch 2	Common Suffixes and Prefixes
Ch 3	The Body's Organization
Ch 4	The Integumentary System
Ch 5	The Skeletal System
Ch 6	The Muscular System
Ch 7	The Nervous System
Ch 8	The Endocrine System
Ch 9	The Cardiovascular System
Ch 10	The Lymphatic System and Immunity
Ch 11	The Respiratory System
Ch 12	The Digestive System
Ch 13	The Urinary System
Ch 14	The Reproductive System
Ch 15	The Special Senses of Sight and Hearing

Note to Instructors