

**Virginia Western Community College**  
**HLT 144**  
**Medical Terminology II**

**Prerequisites**

Successful completion of HLT 143

**Course Description**

Provides an understanding of medical abbreviations and terms. Includes the study of prefixes, suffixes, word stems, and technical terms with emphasis on proper spelling, pronunciation, and usage. Emphasizes more complex skills and techniques in understanding medical terminology.

**Semester Credits:** Lecture 3 hours per week.

**Required Materials**

**Textbook:** Chabner, Davi-Ellen. (2017). The Language of Medicine. (12<sup>th</sup> ed.). Missouri: Elsevier. ISBN: 978-0-323-37081-3

**Other Required Materials:**

**A medical dictionary is NOT required for this class. If you wish to purchase one, it is optional. You may choose the one that will best suit the requirements of your future studies.**

**Course Outcomes**

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

1. Identify structures and describe functions of each of the body systems.
2. Describe common diseases and disorders within each of the body systems.
3. Describe common laboratory tests and medical procedures.
4. Identify and interpret complex medical terms by breaking them into their component word parts in order to decipher their meaning.
5. Build medical words from their component word parts.
6. Spell and pronounce common medical words.

**Topical Description**

1. Covers abbreviations, prefixes, suffixes, and root words of terminology used in the medical field. Introduces anatomy and physiology, pathological conditions, diagnostic tests, procedures, and treatment for common medical disorders.
2. Covers spelling, defining, and pronouncing medical terms.
3. Course outcome assessment will be achieved using a combination of the following: case studies, individual projects, quizzes, tests, discussions boards and virtual field trips.

### **Notes to Instructors**

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