

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Medical Terminology

Course #: MED 125
HIM 101

Course Description: (3 credits)

This course introduces the language of medicine. It will cover basic structure, spelling, pronunciation and definitions of medical and pathological terms; including all organ systems, anatomy, physiology, diseases, diagnoses, and medical abbreviations. The basic structure of medical terms including prefixes, suffixes, and word roots will be presented. Body systems are used as the organizations framework to present terminology.

Pre-requisite/ Co-requisite: None

Goals: The accurate use and comprehension of medical terminology in both the written and verbal forms creating confidence and proficiency in use of appropriate medical terms.

Outcomes: Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

I.C Anatomy & Physiology

Describe structural organization of the human body

Identify body systems

Describe:

- a. body planes
- b. directional terms
- c. quadrants
- d. body cavities

List major organs in each body system

Identify the anatomical location of major organs in each body system

Compare structure and function of the human body across the life span

Describe the normal function of each body system

Identify common pathology related to each body system including:

- e. signs
- f. symptoms
- g. etiology

V.C Concepts of Effective Communication

Identify medical terms labeling the word parts

Define medical terms and abbreviations related to all body systems

Spell and define medical terms to communicate and document accurately and precisely.

2. Use a medical dictionary to locate definitions and obtain pronunciation guidelines
3. Demonstrate the appropriate use of medical terminology.
4. Explain the meaning of medical terms to people with no medical training

5. Apply correct medical terms to the anatomy and physiology of the body
6. Interpret medical terminology found in various medical records accurately.

Types of Assessments meeting Core Competencies

Homework ---- Medical Language Lab

Assessments – Quizzes, Tests, Final Exam

Assignments -- Medical Record, Case Study Activities

Participation -- Discussion Boards, classroom