

Introductory Medical Terminology

This is a self-paced class with continuous enrollment.

Medical terms generally are comprised of a family of prefixes, suffixes, and root words that combine in multiple ways to form the language of medical terminology. A student who understands the meanings of these terms can typically “translate” any basic medical term to derive its meaning.

This is a basic course covering the fundamentals of medical terminology used in the science and health science fields. It is ideal for any student who has little or no background in medical terminology, but who requires a basic grasp of the subject in order to communicate with nurses, physician’s assistants, physicians, and other medical professionals. It is also ideal as a review course for persons returning to school or the workplace after a prolonged absence. The terminology covered relates to bodily systems, anatomical structures, medical diagnoses and procedures.

No prerequisites; no text book purchase is required; however it is strongly recommended that students have access to a medical dictionary. An online medical dictionary is given as a link for this course. Other online references have been provided to help the student learn or review any background information they may be lacking.

The course will deal at length with the following Topics:

- Lesson 1: Learning Medical Terminology
- Lesson 2: Suffixes and Combining Forms in Medical Terminology
- Lesson 3: Prefixes
- Lesson 4: Diagnostic Procedures and Treatments
- Lesson 5: Whole Body Structure
- Lesson 6: The Skeletal and Muscular Systems
- Lesson 7: Circulatory System
- Lesson 8: Respiratory System
- Lesson 9: Digestive System
- Lesson 10: Urinary System
- Lesson 11: Reproductive System
- Lesson 12: Integumentary System
- Lesson 13: The Nervous System
- Lesson 14: The Endocrine System

Grading Policy

- A = 100 - 90
- B = 89 - 80

C = 79 - 70

D = 69 - 60

F = 59 - Below

Disclaimer

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