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S K I L L S U P G R A D I N G

Introduction to Medical Terminology

Course Introduction

Introduction to Medical Terminology provides the tools to analyze medical terms and to learn the meaning, spelling, and pronunciation of terms.

The first lesson of the course introduces students to word structures and teaches them how to break down long medical terms into their various components. It also introduces students to body systems, planes, directions, and positions. This information, together with the word structure tools, provides the groundwork for the remainder of their studies.

The second and subsequent lessons present anatomical, pathological, and clinical terms and procedures relating to the various body systems.

In the final lesson, students expand on and review some of the diagnostic and surgical terminology they have encountered throughout the course. This lesson also introduces students to pharmacological (drug) terminology, and expands their knowledge of oncology (the study and treatment of cancer).

Each lesson covers three or more body systems. As they work through each lesson, students are presented with simple diagrams to help them relate medical terms to the structure and function of the human body. They are given the opportunity to practice the pronunciation and spelling of various medical terms relating to the body system.

Course Prerequisite(s)

Word Processing – Level 1 course or equivalent

Course Aim

To assist students in learning the meaning, pronunciation, and spelling of basic anatomical, pathological, and clinical terms.

Of Interest to

People who have little or no previous knowledge of medical terminology, but wish to pursue a career in the health-care field. It is also of interest to people pursuing careers in non-medical businesses, such as accounting, law, insurance, where medical terms are frequently used.

Course Breakdown

Lesson 1:

Word Structures; Introduction to Body Systems, Planes, Directions, and Positions

Lesson 2:

Musculoskeletal System; Cardiovascular System; Blood System

Lesson 3:

Lymphatic and Immune Systems; Respiratory System; Nervous System

Lesson 4:

Integumentary System; Sensory System; Digestive System

Lesson 5:

Endocrine System; Urinary System; Reproductive System

Lesson 6:

Diagnostic Terminology; Pharmacology Terminology; Surgical Terminology; Oncology Terminology

Course Notes

Course manual provided for on-going reference.

Upon completion of the course, there is a final exam. Participants who receive 75% or higher on their exam will receive a certificate.



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