

Course Competency

HIM 0473 MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

Course Description

This is a foundation course in the structure of medical terms with emphasis on spelling, pronunciation and definition. Students will learn medical terms related to major disease processes diagnostic procedures, laboratory tests, abbreviations, drugs and treatment modalities. Corequisite: HIM 0228C. (75 contact hours)

Course Competency	Learning Outcomes
Competency 1: The student will be able to demonstrate knowledge of medical terminology basic word structure, organization of the body, prefixes, roots, and suffixes by:	1. Communication
 Forming medical terms by combining prefixes, suffixes, and root words. Distinguishing common medical abbreviations and acronyms Identifying the rules of building medical terms and a connection between the term and its relationship to anatomy and physiology 	
Competency 2: The student will be able to demonstrate knowledge of medical terminology as it relates to the anatomy and physiology of the human body by:	1. Communication
 Associating medical terms with specific body systems. Identifying diagnostic and symptomatic terms related to the pathophysiology specific to each body system. Defining medical terms related to specific body systems. 	
Competency 3: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the medical terminology used in clinical documentation to describe anatomical structure pathological conditions, and clinical procedures by:	1. Communication

1. Defining specialized medical vocabulary and accepted medical abbreviations and symbols used in the medical coding profession.	
2. Interpreting the medical vocabulary found in clinical documentation.	
3. Explaining the content of medical reports, such as operative reports, history and physical, consultation reports and discharge summaries using medical vocabulary.	

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