

Online Campus

Course Syllabus

COURSE: HITT 1305.451/452/453/454 Medical Terminology
SEMESTER: Spring 2026
CLASS TIMES: Online
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GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

*It is the responsibility of each student to be familiar with the content and requirements listed in the course syllabus. *

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a study of word origin and structure through the introduction of prefixes, suffixes, root words, plurals, abbreviations, and symbols, surgical procedures, medical specialties and diagnostic procedures.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the completion of the semester students will:

1. Describe how medical terms are created.
2. Use basic medical suffixes and prefixes accurately.
3. Define directional terms and anatomic planes of the body.
4. Identify selected body systems, structures, and their related word parts.
5. Use system word parts, prefixes, and suffixes to build and define words.
6. Define medical terms related to selected diseases.
7. Define selected diagnostic and surgical procedural terms for each body system.
8. Define other selected medical terms and related medical specialties.
9. Recognize selected abbreviations related to each body system.
10. Spell and use specific medical terms.

COURSE OBJECTIVES - Outline form (C-1, C-5, C-6, C-7, C-8, C-9, C-12, C-13, C-14, C-18, C-20; F-1, F-2, F-5, F-7, F-8, F-9, F-11, F-12, F-13, F-16, F-17)

At the completion of this course the student will:

1. Identify and use prefixes, suffixes, word roots, and combining vowels to build and define medical terms.
2. Analyze unfamiliar medical terms using your knowledge of word parts.
3. Define anatomy and physiology, use anatomic reference systems to identify the anatomic position for all major organs and systems.
4. Use basic medical language in written communication.

5. Interpret the meaning of medical terms used in written and verbal communication.

EVALUATION METHODS

Computer-based exams, written exams, written assignments, quizzes, and other projects as assigned.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work that he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

Cheating - Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in the office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of coursework. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as final examinations, to daily reports, and to term papers.

Plagiarism - Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines, and other reference works, or from themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.

BLACKBOARD

Blackboard is an e-education platform designed to enable educational innovations everywhere by connecting people and technology. This educational tool will be used in this course throughout the semester.

SCANS and FOUNDATION SKILLS

Refer also to Course Objectives. Scans and Foundation Skills attached

SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION

TEXT AND MATERIALS

See Blackboard for information on how to register for Cengage and MindTap. There is no additional cost for this class.

ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM ITEMS

Students should be prepared to finish all assigned work. This course is strictly online, and students need to keep up to date with due dates and turn in assignments on time. **No late assignments will be accepted.**

ATTENDANCE POLICY (*READ CAREFULLY)

Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus. When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed.

ASSIGNMENT POLICY

All assignments must be completed by the assigned due date. There are 5 discussion topics throughout the semester. These must be completed by the due dates. These discussion topics have rubrics associated with them. The rubrics can be viewed in the assignment. Late and/or incomplete work will not be accepted and a grade of zero will be recorded. Assignments, quizzes, exams, and skills that are missed due to an unexcused absence may not be made up. See the instructor for more specific information.

COMPUTER USAGE

As computer technology in the field of health occupations continues to become more popular, computers will be used in this course for several assignments. All students have access to computers and printers on the South Plains College campus. Students will be expected to utilize computers to access assignments and classroom resources. All registered students are supplied with a working email account from South Plains College. In order to take exams, students must have their username and password.

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW THEIR SPC STUDENT USERNAME AND PASSWORD.

COMPUTER LAB USAGE

The computer lab(s) on any campus may be used by students during scheduled open hours or as assigned by an instructor. Printer paper will not be provided for students to print materials, but students may seek assistance from faculty or staff to request lab paper from the college if needed. A lack of computer lab paper is not an excuse for not having homework assignments, skills lab sheets, or any other required documents. Students should come prepared for class.

EXAMS

The quizzes, exams, midterm exam, final exam, and assignments for this course will all be posted on Blackboard.

- Students are allowed **three attempts** on all assignments, and **two attempts** on all chapter quizzes, chapter exams, the midterm exam, and the final exam.
- Students are responsible for keeping track of due dates and making sure that their work is turned in on time.
- **No late assignments will be accepted.**

GRADING POLICY

A minimum of 70% on all exams and assignments is required to receive a passing grade for that exam or assignment. Students must earn an overall grade of 70% or better for each course section to pass that section.

Final semester grades will be based on the following:

Assignments	25 %
Chapter Quizzes	10 %
Chapter Exams	10 %
Discussion: Introductions and throughout the semester	5 %
Midterm Exam	25 %
Final Exam	25 %

Grading Scale:	90-100	A
	80-89	B
	70-79	C
	60-69	D
	59 or Below	F

COMMUNICATION POLICY

- Electronic communication between the instructor and students in this course will utilize the South Plains College email systems. The instructor will not initiate communication using private email accounts. Students are encouraged to check SPC email regularly each week of class. Students will also have access to assignments, web links, handouts, and other vital material which will be delivered via the classroom website. Any student having difficulty accessing the classroom website or their email should immediately contact their instructor for direction. The instructor will work with any student to ensure the student has access to a computer on campus and can obtain the class content needed that is located on the course website.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Rules and regulations relating to the students at South Plains College are made with the view of protecting the best interests of the individual, the general welfare of the entire student body, and the educational objectives of the college. As in any segment of society, a college community must be guided by standards that are stringent enough to prevent disorder, yet moderate enough to provide an atmosphere conducive to intellectual and personal development.

A high standard of conduct is expected of all students. When a student enrolls at South Plains College, it is assumed that the student accepts the obligations of performance and behavior imposed by the college relevant to its lawful missions, processes, and functions. Obedience to the law, respect for properly constituted authority, personal honor, integrity, and common sense guide the actions of each member of the college community both in and out of the classroom.

Students are subject to federal, state, and local laws, as well as South Plains College rules and regulations. A student is not entitled to greater immunities or privileges before the law than those enjoyed by other citizens. Students are subject to such reasonable disciplinary action as the administration of the college may consider appropriate, including suspension and expulsion in appropriate cases for breach of federal, state, or local laws, or college rules and regulations. This principle extends to conduct off campus which is likely to have adverse effects on the college or on the educational process which identifies the offender as an unfit associate for fellow students.

Any student who fails to perform according to expected standards may be asked to withdraw.

Rules and regulations regarding student conduct appear in the current Student Guide.

COURSE CALENDAR

In the Blackboard course at the top of the page is a calendar choice. Please click on this choice daily to see when assignments, quizzes, discussion, and exams are due. You may also go to the due date tab in the calendar to see this same information.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Per House Bill 1481 all students in public K-12 schools are prohibited from using cell phones, tablets, smartwatches, earbuds like AirPods, or other devices capable of telecommunication or digital communication while on school grounds during school hours. Students should use the electronic devices provided by their respective schools.

COURSE SYLLABI STATEMENTS

For information regarding official South Plains College statements about intellectual exchange, disabilities, non-discrimination, Title IX Pregnancy Accommodations, CARE Team, and Campus Concealed Carry, please visit: <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/syllabusstatements/>

NOTE: During this semester, students may be exposed to graphic images and discussions related to human body parts and aspects of diseases processes pertaining to the nursing care of individuals; students may consider this content uncomfortable.

COURSE DISCLAIMER

This is an intense online course. Students need to make themselves a calendar and keep track of due dates. I strongly suggest that you check daily for new items on Blackboard so that you do not get behind. The instructors will send alerts to the College weekly for students who are falling behind.

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FOUNDATION SKILLS

BASIC SKILLS—Reads, Writes, Performs Arithmetic and Mathematical Operations, Listens and Speaks

F-1 Reading—locates, understands, and interprets written information in prose and in documents such as manuals, graphs, and schedules.

F-2 Writing—communicates thoughts, ideas, information and messages in writing and creates documents such as letters, directions, manuals, reports, graphs, and flow charts.

F-3 Arithmetic—performs basic computations; uses basic numerical concepts such as whole numbers, etc.

F-4 Mathematics—approaches practical problems by choosing appropriately from a variety of mathematical techniques.

F-5 Listening—receives, attends to, interprets, and responds to verbal messages and other cues.

F-6 Speaking—organizes ideas and communicates orally.

THINKING SKILLS—Thinks Creatively, Makes Decisions, Solves Problems, Visualizes and Knows How to Learn and Reason

F-7 Creative Thinking—generates new ideas.

F-8 Decision-Making—specifies goals and constraints, generates alternatives, considers risks, evaluates and chooses best alternative.

F-9 Problem Solving—recognizes problems, devises and implements plan of action.

F-10 Seeing Things in the Mind's Eye—organizes and processes symbols, pictures, graphs, objects, and other information.

F-11 Knowing How to Learn—uses efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills.

F-12 Reasoning—discovers a rule or principle underlying the relationship between two or more objects and applies it when solving a problem.

PERSONAL QUALITIES—Displays Responsibility, Self-Esteem, Sociability, Self-Management, Integrity and Honesty

F-13 Responsibility—exerts a high level of effort and perseveres towards goal attainment.

F-14 Self-Esteem—believes in own self-worth and maintains a positive view of self.

F-15 Sociability—demonstrates understanding, friendliness, adaptability, empathy and politeness in group settings.

F-16 Self-Management—assesses self accurately, sets personal goals, monitors progress and exhibits self-control.

F-17 Integrity/Honesty—chooses ethical courses of action.

SCANS COMPETENCIES

C-1 **TIME** - Selects goal - relevant activities, ranks them, allocates time, prepares and follows schedules.

C-2 **MONEY** - Uses or prepares budgets, makes forecasts, keeps records and makes adjustments to meet objectives.

C-3 **MATERIALS AND FACILITIES** - Acquires, stores, allocates, and uses materials or space efficiently.

C-4 **HUMAN RESOURCES** - Assesses skills and distributes work accordingly, evaluates performances and provides feedback.

INFORMATION - Acquires and Uses Information

C-5 Acquires and evaluates information.

C-6 Organizes and maintains information.

C-7 Interprets and communicates information.

C-8 Uses computers to process information.

INTERPERSONAL—Works With Others

C-9 Participates as a member of a team and contributes to group effort.

C-10 Teaches others new skills.

C-11 Serves Clients/Customers—works to satisfy customer's expectations.

C-12 Exercises Leadership—communicates ideas to justify position, persuades and convinces others, responsibly challenges existing procedures and policies.

C-13 Negotiates—works toward agreements involving exchanges of resources; resolves divergent interests.

C-14 Works With Diversity—works well with men and women from diverse backgrounds.

SYSTEMS—Understands Complex Interrelationships

C-15 Understands Systems—knows how social, organizational, and technological systems work and operates effectively with them.

C-16 Monitors and Corrects Performance—distinguishes trends, predicts impacts on system operations, diagnoses systems performance and corrects malfunctions.

C-17 Improves or Designs Systems—suggests modifications to existing systems and develops new or alternative systems to improve performance.

TECHNOLOGY—Works with a Variety of Technologies

C-18 Selects Technology—chooses procedures, tools, or equipment, including computers and related technologies.

C-19 Applies Technology to Task—understands overall intent and proper procedures for setup and operation of equipment.

C-20 Maintains and Troubleshoots Equipment—prevents, identifies, or solves problems with equipment, including computers and other technologies.