

Northwest Arkansas Community College

Division of Health Professions
Health Information Management

Discipline Code

HIM

Course Number

1403

Course Title

Medical Terminology for Health Sciences

Catalog Description

In depth presentation of medical language which then will serve as a solid foundation for students interested in health care, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, or related careers. Medical terminology for both health and disease is presented in relation to human structure and function. This course of study builds a framework by introducing the key elements in the formation as well as the modification of medical terms which then is applied to the specific body systems.

Prerequisites

None

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact hours

45 lecture contact hours

Load hours

3 load hours

Semesters Offered

Fall, Spring, Summer

ACTS Equivalent

None

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Recognize, define, and utilize appropriate medical word components including suffixes, prefixes, and combined word forms.
2. Apply anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, and pharmacology concepts.
3. Define and correctly utilize medical abbreviations and symbols associated by body systems.
4. Read and comprehend medical documentation in medical records and medical reports.
5. Communicate with health care professionals utilizing proper medical terminology

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students can write clear, coherent, well-organized documents, substantially free of errors.
- Students can use computers proficiently.
- Students can employ a variety of sources to locate, evaluate, and use Information.