

Common Course Outline  
OFAD 141  
Medical Terminology  
3 Credits

The Community College of Baltimore County

**Description**

This course teaches students how to build medical terms using interchangeable word parts, combining forms, prefixes, and suffixes and to translate terms into their common meanings. Students will develop skill using listening, reading, speaking techniques. Terminology will be introduced by body system and will also cover diagnostic procedures and pharmacology.

*Prerequisite: Exemption from or successful completion of RDNG 052, ENGL 052 or LVR 2.*

**Overall Course Objectives**

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

1. Interpret the meanings of medical terms through root, prefix, suffix, and whole word recognition.
2. Interpret the meanings of medical terms through listening.
3. Pronounce medical terms based on phonetic respelling.
4. Construct medical terms by combining word elements.
5. Utilize medical terms in their appropriate context.
6. Recall specific medical terms based on definition.

**Major Topics**

1. Introduction to vocabulary related to medical terminology.
2. Word parts, combining forms, suffixes, and prefixes.
3. Determining meanings based on word parts.
4. Singular and plural endings.
5. Vocabulary related to the human body in health and disease.
6. Structure, word parts, pathology, and functions of each body system.
7. Vocabulary related to each body system.
8. Medical specialties related to each body system.
9. Vocabulary related to diagnostic procedures and pharmacology.

**Course Requirements**

Grading: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

1. At least 6 quizzes
2. At least 2 tests
3. Midterm
4. Final Exam

Individual faculty members may include in their syllabus additional course objectives, major topics, or other course requirements in addition to the minimum expectations stated in this Common Course Outline.

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