



FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND SPORTS
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL TECHNOLOGY
(PHARMACY TECHNOLOGY)
LEARNING MODULE OUTLINE

Academic Year	2024-2025	Semester	1
Module Code	ENGL1101		
Learning Module	English I		
Pre-requisite(s)	Nil		
Medium of Instruction	English / Chinese		
Credits	3	Contact Hours	45
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MODULE DESCRIPTION

This 45-hour course is designed to build English language proficiency for healthcare professionals. It covers medical terminology related to health concepts, laboratory procedures, and pharmaceutical terms. Students will develop reading, writing, and speaking skills specific to the medical field. The course includes engaging activities, authentic medical texts, and interactive exercises to enhance comprehension and communication.

MODULE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES (ILOS)

On completion of this learning module, students will be able to:

M1.	demonstrate proficiency in medical vocabulary and terminology commonly used in clinical practice, including the ability to accurately pronounce and spell medical terms.
M2.	develop effective communication skills in English to interact with patients, healthcare professionals, and other members of the interdisciplinary team in a medical setting.
M3.	enhance listening skills to comprehend medical information provided by patients, colleagues, and healthcare professionals, including accurately understanding and responding to instructions and requests.
M4.	demonstrate the ability to read and interpret medical texts, such as medical records, articles and healthcare guidelines, with a focus on accuracy and comprehension of specialized medical terminology.
M5.	develop the skills necessary to write clear and concise medical documentation.
M6.	gain knowledge of common medical abbreviations and acronyms used in healthcare documentation, and effectively use them in written and verbal communication to ensure accuracy and efficiency.



These ILOs aim to enable students to attain the following Programme Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs):

PILOs	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6
P1. To demonstrate understanding of a range of subjects, fields, principles and approaches relevant to medical laboratory technology				✓		
P2. To demonstrate an understanding of theories, analytical approaches and practices that underpin medical laboratory operations and management	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
P3. To demonstrate understanding of major trends and issues related to medical laboratory technology				✓		
P4. To apply professional knowledge and skills to analyse, interpret and solve problems, challenges and risks in medical laboratory practice				✓	✓	✓
P5. To critically appraise and interpret scientific and clinical literature and apply evidence-based practice				✓	✓	
P6. To acquire and apply research skills in medical laboratory technology				✓	✓	
P7. To demonstrate effective communication and teamwork skills	✓	✓	✓			✓
P8. To maintain professional and ethical standards in medical laboratory practice and research				✓		

MODULE SCHEDULE, COVERAGE AND STUDY LOAD

Week	Content Coverage	Contact Hours
3	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical reading Listening and talking to healthcare professionals Medical writing 	2
4	Analysing medical terminology 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prefixes of number or size Prefixes of time or speed Prefixes of direction Prefixes of position 	3
4	Analysing medical terminology 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suffixes Suffixes that signify symptoms and diagnosis Suffixes that signify surgical procedures Additional suffixes Exercises 	3
5	Body's organization and physician specialities 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Body tissues Body organs Body systems Major body cavities Exercises 	3
5	Body's organization and physician specialities 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directional adjectives 	3



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planes of division • Body regions • Physician specialities • Exercises 	
5	Listening, reading and writing practice: Presenting complaints	2
6	Functions, diseases and treatments of integumentary system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to integumentary system • Organs in integumentary system • Common integumentary disorders • Common diagnostic tests, treatments and medications • Journal reading and exercises 	3
6	Midterm Test	2
7	Listening, reading and writing practice: Working in general practice	2
7	Functions, diseases and treatments of skeletal system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to skeletal system • Organs in skeletal system • Common skeletal disorders • Common diagnostic tests, treatments and medications • Journal reading and exercises 	3
8	Listening, reading and writing practice: Functions and procedures	2
8	Functions, diseases and treatments of muscular system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to muscular system • Organs in muscular system • Common muscular disorders • Common diagnostic tests, treatments and medications • Journal reading and exercises 	3
10	Listening, reading and writing practice: Explaining and reassuring	2
11	Functions, diseases and treatments of cardiovascular system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to cardiovascular system • Organs in cardiovascular system • Common cardiovascular disorders • Common diagnostic tests, treatments and medications • Journal reading and exercises 	3
12	Listening, reading and writing practice: Dealing with medication	2
12	Listening, reading and writing practice: Lifestyle	2
13	Talks and conferences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General and local information • Conferences example • Giving a talk 	1
13	Oral Presentation	2
15	Final Examination	2



TEACHING AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

In this learning module, students will work towards attaining the ILOs through the following teaching and learning activities:

Teaching and Learning Activities	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6
T1. Vocabulary building exercises	✓			✓	✓	
T2. Patient case studies	✓	✓				✓
T3. Reading comprehension tasks	✓	✓		✓		✓
T4. Writing exercises	✓			✓		✓
T5. Multimedia resources (videos, podcasts, or online resources)	✓			✓	✓	✓
T6. Oral Presentation	✓	✓	✓			✓

ATTENDANCE

Attendance requirements are governed by the Academic Regulations Governing Bachelor's Degree Programmes of the Macao Polytechnic University. Students who do not meet the attendance requirements for the learning module shall be awarded an 'F' grade.

ASSESSMENT

In this learning module, students are required to complete the following assessment activities:

Assessment Activities	Weighting (%)	ILOs to be Assessed
A1. In-class exercises (more than 250 questions)	20	M1, M4, M5, M6
A2. Oral presentation	15	M1, M2, M4, M6
A3. Midterm test	15	M1, M3, M4, M5, M6
A4. Final Exam	50	M1, M3, M4, M5, M6

This learning module is graded on a 100-point scale, with 100 being the highest possible score and 50 being the passing score. Any students scoring less than 35% of the total mark in the final examination will be given an "F" grade for the module even if the overall grade is 50% or higher.

The assessment will be conducted following the University's Assessment Strategy (see www.mpu.edu.mo/teaching_learning/en/assessment_strategy.php). Passing this learning module indicates that students will have attained the ILOs of this learning module and thus acquired its credits.



MARKING SCHEME

High grades will be awarded for work that demonstrates exceptional understanding and mastery of the subject matter and consistently exceeds expectations. The following are the general assessment criteria for the assessment activities.

Assessment Activities	Assessment Criteria	Mark Ranges				
		88-100	73-87	58-72	50-57	<50
A1. In-class exercises	Demonstrates comprehension and accurate usage of medical English vocabulary and terminology.	Excellent	Good/ Very Good	Satisfactory	Marginal Pass	Fail; not reaching marginal levels
A2. Oral presentation	Clearly presents medical information using appropriate terminology, pronunciation, and fluency.	Excellent	Good/ Very Good	Satisfactory	Marginal Pass	Fail; not reaching marginal levels
A3. Midterm test	Demonstrates proper use of medical English vocabulary, grammar, and sentence structure.	Excellent	Good/ Very Good	Satisfactory	Marginal Pass	Fail; not reaching marginal levels
A4. Final Examination	Demonstrates proper use of medical English vocabulary, grammar, and sentence structure.	Excellent	Good/ Very Good	Satisfactory	Marginal Pass	Fail; not reaching marginal levels

Please refer to the 'Essay Rubric.pdf' and 'Presentation Evaluation Form.pdf' for the grading criteria of the writing assignment and oral presentation.

REQUIRED READINGS

Reading materials, such as medical notes and articles, will be provided to the students by the instructors of this module.

McCarter, Sam. (2009) Oxford English for Careers: Medicine 1, Oxford University Press.

REFERENCES

Leonard, Peggy C. (2019) Quick & Easy Medical Terminology, 9th edition. Missouri, US: Elsevier Saunders.

Goodman, Neville W. & Edwards, Martin B. (2014) Medical writing: a prescription for clarity. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Bostwick, Paula & Weber Heidi. (2013) Medical terminology: a programmed approach. New York: McGraw-Hill.

Hull, Melodie. (2010) Medical English clear & simple: a practice-based approach to English for ESL Healthcare professionals. Philadelphia: F.A. Davis Company.



STUDENT FEEDBACK

At the end of every semester, students are invited to provide feedback on the learning module and the teaching arrangement through questionnaires. Your feedback is valuable for instructors to enhance the module and its delivery for future students. The instructor and programme coordinators will consider all feedback and respond with actions formally in the annual programme review.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The Macao Polytechnic University requires students to have full commitment to academic integrity when engaging in research and academic activities. Violations of academic integrity, which include but are not limited to plagiarism, collusion, fabrication or falsification, repeated use of assignments and cheating in examinations, are considered as serious academic offenses and may lead to disciplinary actions. Students should read the relevant regulations and guidelines in the Student Handbook which is distributed upon the admission into the University, a copy of which can also be found at www.mpu.edu.mo/student_handbook/.