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# HLUC 1040: Medical Foundations

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## EFFECTIVE DATE

September 2021

## DEPARTMENT

Health Unit Coordinator

## DESCRIPTION

Students will be introduced to medical terminology, anatomy and disease processes relating to the body systems which includes learning basic medical word structures such as prefixes, suffixes, combining forms and root words. How to correctly spell and pronounce commonly used medical terms and conditions pertaining to the body system will also be explored.

## CREDITS

3.0

## YEAR OF STUDY

1st Year Post-secondary

## PREREQUISITES

None

## COREQUISITES

None

## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Identify combining forms, suffixes, prefixes and terms that pertain to the whole body system.
- Spell combining forms, suffixes, prefixes and terms correctly that pertain to the whole body system.
- Communicate medical terminology with accuracy, in written and verbal formats.
- Describe basic human anatomy and physiology according to each body systems.
- Define the terms and pathological conditions relating to each body system.
- Describe the location and major functions of the organs in each body system.

## PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT & RECOGNITION (PLAR)

None

## HOURS

Lecture: 30

Lab: 30

## INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

Blended delivery, classroom, discussion, small group presentations

## GRADING SYSTEM

Letter Grade (A-F)

## PASSING GRADE

B-=68%

## EVALUATION PLAN

Type	Percentage	Assessment activity
Assignments	25	Group presentation as per rubric and multiple spelling tests.
Quizzes/Tests	25	Written or online short answer quizzes/tests.
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Exam	15	Written or online cumulative exam.

## COURSE TOPICS

- Medical Terminology  
Word elements, terms, abbreviations and definitions

Anatomy and Physiology

Overview of body and body systems

Related terms, conditions and abbreviations

## LEARNING RESOURCES

Gyls, B. A., & Masters R. (2019). Medical terminology simplified: A program learning approach by body system. F. A. Davis Company. (latest edition) Resources are items which the student is responsible for purchasing as identified by the department/instructor.

### Notes:

- Course contents and descriptions, offerings and schedules are subject to change without notice.
- Students are required to follow all College policies including ones that govern their educational experience at VCC. Policies are available on the VCC website at:  
<https://www.vcc.ca/about/governance--policies/policies/>.
- To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at <https://www.bctransferguide.ca>.

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