



English for Health

Overview:

This course aims at developing the listening and speaking skills necessary to communicate in a health-related context. There is an emphasis on vocabulary, both academic and specific health terminology. There are 4 levels: Level 1 has a focus on General Communication; Level 2 on Taking a Patient's History; Level 3 on Examination and Diagnosis; and Level 4 on Procedures and Treatments.

Level:

Intermediate to High Advanced

Outcomes:

Level 1

At the end of this level, students are expected to have the knowledge and confidence to:

- introduce themselves and a 3rd person
- use the telephone
- ask for and give directions
- express likes and dislikes
- ask for personal information.

Level 2

At the end of this level, students are expected to have the knowledge and confidence to:

- express certainty and ask for clarification
- ask questions to find out about a patient's complaint

- ask about pain and discuss the type and intensity of it
- ask about family and social behaviours

Level 3

At the end of this level, students are expected to have the knowledge and confidence to:

- give reassurance
- explain the consequence of an action
- express degree of possibility
- give instructions
- use language and abbreviations associated with prescribing medication.

Level 4

At the end of this level, students are expected to have the knowledge and confidence to:

- ask for and give an opinion
- discuss an opinion to make a decision
- ask for more detailed information

Suggested hours of learning:

- 100 hours

Recommended for:

- ✓ Individuals who are intending to study in a health-related field or who are beginning a career in the health industry. It will also assist those people who are already working in the area but are having difficulty communicating with patients and colleagues.