Alexandria Technical and Community College

MEDS 1620: Medical Terminology I

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

   Credits: 3
   Lecture Hours/Week: 2
   Lab Hours/Week: 1
   OJT Hours/Week: *.*
   Prerequisites: None
   Corequisites: None
   MnTC Goals: None

   This course analyzes word structure and definition through the word elements common to the healthcare field. A working knowledge of body systems is incorporated with vocabulary building techniques designed to develop skills in spelling, definition, and correct usage of medical terms. This is a fundamental course in understanding the language of medicine.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 07/02/1999 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Understand the Greek and Latin origins of medical terms.
2. Recognize standard prefixes, suffixes, word roots, and combining forms.
3. Build terms by combining word parts.
4. Analyze medical terms based on word parts.
5. Spell essential medical terms presented by body system.
6. Define basic medical terms by body system.
7. Define standard medical and pharmaceutical abbreviations.
8. Pronounce basic medical terminology.
9. Introduce fundamental pharmaceutical categories.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. The learner will be able to interpret medical, technical, and pharmaceutical terms, symbols, and abbreviations.
2. The learner will be able to spell and define terms of the major medical specialties.
3. The learner will be able to analyze the content of medical reports in major medical specialties.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

   None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

   As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

   None noted