

English for Medical Purposes 2022

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Course Overview

This online teacher- led course is expertly designed to give candidates the specialist English language knowledge and skills they need to communicate in academic and professional medical settings along with an orientation to the practical approaches to discourse- and genre- informed theory relevant to EMP.

Course Objectives

The course syllabus takes students through the journey of specialised English language and is comprehensive in character. It includes a number of activities that test reading, writing, listening, speaking and vocabulary knowledge and skills filtered through the core components of concepts and topics used in medicine and healthcare, with a view to practising medical language in real work situations. The course also helps familiarise students with the study of the social functions of different kinds of written or spoken genres that are commonly used in the academic and professional contexts of medicine (such as writing a research article *abstract* or a *doctor referral letter*, and *taking a medical history*) and gives them useful ‘hands on’ experience in using linguistic forms and discourse structures inherent in the medical community.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- gain knowledge of the main conventional features of medical English language applied to a variety of real work situations
- understand how written/spoken medical genres function and structure participants’ actions and goals within academic and professional contexts
- bring together the skills of analysis and argument structure in the learning practice of disciplinary genres

Course Schedule

Teaching semester: 1st

Course length: February 2022 – April 2022

Number of hours: 50 hours > 1 lesson per week x 3 hours (= 30 hours with lecturer) + 20 hours self-study

Times: every Monday 14.30 – 17.30

Start date: Monday 21 February 2022 (14.30-17.30)

Type of delivery: online via University Microsoft Teams platform

Access code: ntu9blg

Attendance: mandatory

Type of final examination: oral

Pre-requisites: at least B1 level of English

Placement

Placement begins on 21 February with a short interview with the lecturer

Course material

G. Tessuto 2021, *English for Medicine. A Toolkit for Discourse and Genre-based Approaches to ESP Language*. Giappichelli, Torino (2nd revised edition)

+ other support materials provided by the lecturer