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English for Medical Purposes 2023

Course lecturer: Jerome Tessuto

Course Overview

The English Language Chair of the Department of Precision Medicine is proud to announce the 3rd English for Medical Purposes Course designed for candidates enrolled at the Doctoral Degrees and Specialist Schools listed above. This blended (online/on-site) 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 English for Medical Purposes.

Course Objectives

The course syllabus covers 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 candidates 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 (e.g. 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, candidates 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; and
- bring together the skills of analysis and argument structure in the learning practice of disciplinary genres.

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Course Schedule

Course length: 16 January 2023 – 6 March 2023

Number of hours: 50 hours

1 lesson (4 hours) every Monday > 32 hours (with lecturer) + 18 hours (self-study)

Language credits: candidates are expected to complete the course by earning the number

of language credits required for their programme

Times: every Monday 14.30 – 18.30

Start date: Monday 16 January 2023

Type of delivery: blended (online via University Microsoft Teams platform) and on-site

(room to be announced in due course)

Access code: Ihnwjgd

Attendance: mandatory (noted on the lecturer's transcript)

Type of final examination: oral

Pre-requisites: at least B1 level of English

Placement

Placement begins on 16 January 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, Turin (2nd revised edition)

+ other support materials provided by the lecturer

