COURSE TITLE & NUMBER: ALHE 1600 Medical Terminology
CREDITS: 2 (2 Lec/ 0 Lab)
PREREQUISITES: None

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
Medical Terminology introduces students to the specialized vocabulary, which is used in any medical profession. This course is for any student who will be writing, reading, charting, transcribing, or studying any field in the medical profession.

OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:
1. Word pronunciations of medical terms
2. Word parts of medical terms
   A. Prefixes
   B. Word root
   C. Combining vowel
   D. Suffixes
3. Medical concentration
   A. Suffixes used in surgery, diagnoses, and symptoms
      1. Defining medical word elements
      2. Defining medical terms
      3. Building medical words
      4. Spelling medical words
   B. Bacteria, color, and medical terms
   C. Body openings and plural endings
   D. Numbers, positions, and directions
   E. Medical and health related professions
   F. Medical equipment
   G. Pharmacology
   H. Medical abbreviations
   I. Body organs and parts
   J. Integumentary system
   K. Gastrointestinal system
   L. Respiratory system
   M. Cardiovascular system
   N. Nervous system
   O. Genitourinary system
   P. Musculoskeletal system
   Q. Eyes, ears, and teeth
   R. Endocrine system
S. Behavioral health

COURSE GOALS/OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES:
1. The student will define common prefixes and suffixes used in medical terminology.
2. The student will define, interpret, and correctly spell terms related to all body systems.
3. The student will utilize medical terms related to disorders, pathologies, surgical operations, diagnostics, and therapeutic procedures and interventions correctly.
4. The student will interpret abbreviations for common signs, symptoms, medical conditions and diagnostic testing and therapeutic procedures.
5. The student will define terminology and abbreviations as they relate to specialties such as: Pharmacology, Behavioral Health, Medical Equipment, and Health-related professions.
6. The student will interpret medical terminology accurately when analyzing medical reports.

HCC COMPETENCIES MET:
Communicating Clearly and Effectively

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS:
The student is expected to follow directions, spend sufficient time outside of class to prepare for exams, schedule exams in a timely manner, complete all assignments as scheduled and seek assistance when needed.

METHODS FOR EVALUATING STUDENT LEARNING:
The student will be evaluated using a variety of methods which may include: exams, written assignments, and computer assignments.

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AASC APPROVAL DATE: May 9, 2018
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