**Course Outline**

**CIP No. 51.1601**

**NURS 102**

**Medical Terminology and Abbreviations**

**Course Title**

**Course Description**
Introduces medical terms used in nursing and allied health fields. Origin of root words will be explored. Root word, prefixes, and suffixes of medical terms will be identified.

**Course prepared by:**  
*Nursing & Allied Health Program*  
March 2010

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**Purpose of Course:**  
- Degree Requirement
- Degree Elective  
  - X
- Certification
- Developmental
- Other

**Prerequisite(s)**  
ENG 96/98 or placement into credit English

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**Signature, Curriculum and Assessment Committee Chairperson**  
*May 5, 2010*

**Signature, Dean of Academic Affairs**  
*5/9/10*

**Signature, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs**  
*5/5/10*

**Last date reviewed or revised:**
I. Medical Terminology and Abbreviations

II. Course Objectives

A. Student Learning Outcomes

Students who complete this course will:
1. identify root words, prefixes, and suffixes commonly used in nursing and the medical profession (1)
2. describe appropriate settings and medical situations that terms will likely be used or applied (1)
3. Use medical terms when communicating with the health care team (1)

B. Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:
1. identify root words, prefixes, and suffixes commonly used in nursing and the medical profession (1)
   a. divide medical terms into component parts
   b. analyze, pronounce, spell, and define medical terms
2. give examples of medical terms used in specific health care settings such as operating room, radiology, laboratory, nursing and other settings
3. Use medical terms verbally and in writing when presenting patient case studies

III. Course Content

Teaches basic medical terms used in nursing and other medical fields
1. Origin of Root words
2. Prefixes and suffixes
3. Contextual application of terms

IV. Methods of Instruction

1. Lectures
2. Cooperative/discussion groups
3. Supervised class practice

V. Equipment and Materials

1. Sympodium
2. Flash cards
4. Medical dictionary
5. Internet access

VI. Suggested Methods of Evaluation

1. Tests
2. Quizzes
3. Homework / class work
4. Assigned group work

Letter grades will be assigned per CMI grading policy
Course History Summary

Course Number: **Nurs 102 Medical Terminology and Abbreviations (8)**

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