EMLS 334 Course Outline as of Fall 2025

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: EMLS 334 Title: EMLS FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

Full Title: Vocational English for Health Sciences

Last Reviewed: 2/26/2024

Units		Course Hours per Week	•	Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	3.00	Lecture Scheduled	3.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	52.50
Minimum	3.00	Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 105.00 Total Student Learning Hours: 157.50

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Non-Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: ESL 334

Catalog Description:

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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended Preparation:

Course Eligibility for one of the following courses: EMLS 371 (ESL 371), EMLS 371A (ESL 371A)

Limits on Enrollment:

Schedule of Classes Information:

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EMLS 371A (ESL 371A) Limits on Enrollment:

Transfer Credit:

Repeatability: Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree: Area Effective: Inactive: CSU GE: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

IGETC: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

CSU Transfer: Effective: Inactive:

UC Transfer: Effective: Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Certificate Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Analyze and respond to reading selections encountered in health science certificate and associate degree programs and their prerequisite courses.
- 2. Employ grammar, writing, speaking, and listening skills to effectively communicate with health care professionals, patients, and their families in a given healthcare setting.
- 3. Apply vocabulary, medical terminology, and culturally appropriate language to communicate in the healthcare industry.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Read and comprehend health and medical-related articles and essays.
- 2. Summarize reading selections.
- 3. Use critical thinking and inference to discuss implications of a topic to the medical and health community and patients.
- 4. Demonstrate use of advanced grammar structures to generate questions for information gathering and make statements for explaining procedures to healthcare professionals and patients.
- 5. Write on a given topic using appropriate grammar structures.
- 6. Use contextual clues to determine meaning of vocabulary words.
- 7. Utilize affixes and roots to determine meaning of medical terminology.
- 8. Demonstrate appropriate oral communication skills in health care settings.

Topics and Scope:

- I. Reading Skills Pertaining to Careers in the Health Field
 - A. Pre-reading skills to survey and predict content
 - B. Main ideas and supporting details

- C. Organizational patterns, rhetorical forms, outlining
- D. Inferencing skills
- E. Summarizing and paraphrasing
- II. Grammar and Writing Skills Pertaining to Careers in the Health Field
 - A. Yes/no and WH-questions
 - 1. Who
 - 2. What
 - 3. When
 - 4. Where
 - 5. Why
 - 6. How
 - B. Compound and complex sentences
 - C. Verb tense review
 - D. Advanced grammar structure review
 - 1. Adjective clause
 - 2. Passive voice
 - 3. Noun clause
 - 4. Modal
 - 5. Imperative
 - E. Paragraph writing for summaries, personal responses, and case studies

III. Oral Skills

- A. Pronunciation related to medical terminology
- B. Appropriate use of language
- C. Sensitivity to audience in healthcare settings, including appropriate register
- IV. Medical Terminology and Vocabulary
 - A. Frequently occurring healthcare vocabulary words
 - B. Prefixes, word roots/stems, suffixes

Assignment:

Reading Assignments, such as:

- 1. Identification of main ideas in a reading
- 2. Comprehension exercises from readings
- 3. Summarizing
- 4. Development of reading outlines
- 5. Vocabulary skill building using affixes and word roots
- 6. Matching vocabulary with anatomy pictures and diagrams

Writing Assignments, such as:

- 1. Development of written and personal responses to medical scenarios
- 2. Written vocabulary exercises with use of a medical dictionary
- 3. Summary of a reading in writing
- 4. Case studies

Examination Assignments, such as:

- 1. Exams
- 2. Quizzes

Other Assignments, such as:

- 1. Compilation of case studies
- 2. Work-related role-playing
- 3. Partner work and small group activities

- 4. Practice of pronunciation, including stress, intonation, and rhythm patterns
- 5. Oral presentations on a research topic
- 6. Development of questions to ask a professional in a chosen health field
- 7. Development of oral personal responses to medical scenarios

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that

demonstrate competence in computational or noncomputational problem solving skills.

Writing assignments

Exams and Quizzes

None

None

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical

demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill

performance exams.

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Reading assignments; Other assignments

Writing 20 - 40%

Problem solving 0 - 0%

Skill Demonstrations 0 - 0%

Exams 40 - 65%

Other Category 15 - 25%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

CNA: Nursing Assistant Certification. California Ed. Jarosinski, Carrie L. August Learning Solutions. 2020 Instructor prepared materials Medical Dictionary