

Medical English

Excel College now offers preparation classes for people who plan to study or practise medicine, nursing or dentistry in the UK, and for people who have already qualified in their home country and who wish to improve their medical English in order to work or study in the UK.

Course Description

This course is intended for overseas students who wish to study medical English, and for students who wish to gain an understanding of medicine as part of their other studies – for example, Foundation or Pre-Master's Programme students.

The course covers the 4 main skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking), vocabulary building, regular progress tests and homework assignments. A formal course test will be delivered at least once a term in exam conditions. The course will be based on one core textbook, supplemented with materials from other sources.

Topic Areas *

- Overview of the NHS
- Medical professions and specialities
- Overview of nursing
- Overview of dentistry
- The human body – anatomy, organs, tissues, glands, systems
- Overview of human biochemistry
- Diseases and disorders
- Pathology and microbiology (germ, microbe, microorganism, virus, bacteria, etc.)
- Mental health, mental illness, mental state examination, psychiatry
- Physical examination, symptoms and signs, medical history
- Pharmacology and drugs
- Common medical abbreviations (GP, NHS, cc., mL, etc.)
- Medical tests and procedures
- Surgery
- Medical equipment
- Treatments, therapies
- Essential medical vocabulary (lay terms, medical conditions, instructions, etc.)
- Prefixes, suffixes, Greek and Latin word roots used in medical vocabulary
- Colloquial vocabulary (medical slang, idioms, colloquial expressions, etc.)
- Medical education, training and qualifications in the UK
- Medical ethics and medical law
- Phrasal verbs used in medical English
- Health, diet and nutrition, preventive medicine (immunisation, etc.)
- Overview of alternative & complementary medicine

* Exact course contents may alter slightly. Check with course tutor to confirm.

Course Pre-requisites

- Students must have, as a minimum, an Upper-intermediate level of English, equivalent to:
 - ALTE Level 3 or above
 - CEFR level B2 or above
 - Cambridge ESOL FCE or above
 - IELTS band score 5.5 or above
 - TOEFL 200+
- Previous knowledge or experience of medicine, nursing, or dentistry would be an advantage, but is not essential. The course is primarily designed to teach the language, rather than basic concepts of medicine, nursing and dentistry.
- Students are initially given a placement test to ensure that they will be able to understand the level of English used on the course.

Course Outcomes

By the end of the course students will:

- have greatly increased their medical (& general) English vocabulary
- have a good general knowledge of: key concepts in medicine, healthcare occupations and training, medical fields, anatomy, diseases and treatments
- have improved their overall English language abilities (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) within a medical context

Length	4 weeks – 35 weeks
Hours	6 hours per week
Time	Tuesday & Thursday afternoons, 14:00 – 17:00
Fees *	£160 per 4 weeks £980 per year (35 weeks)
Core textbook	Professional English in Use Medicine (Cambridge), ISBN 978 0521 682015

* Fees do not include the cost of the textbook.

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Stuff which we may cover on the course (if time allows):

- Finding a job in the healthcare industry
- Overview of healthcare in the UK (NHS & private)
- Traditional Chinese Medicine
- Lists of useful books, magazines, websites, professional organisations, etc.

infections

Phrasal verbs – wear off, etc.

prion,

the structure of the NHS,