

**Teaching:** Scientific English

**SSD:** L-LIN/12

**Number of Credits:** 3

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### **PREREQUISITES**

Students should have a good working knowledge of English (at least B1 of the Common European Framework of Languages).

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

The aim of the module is to provide students with a practical grammatical, lexical and phonetic analysis of realistic, colloquial and up-to-date dialogues in clinical settings. The module also seeks to establish an awareness in students of the essential role English phonetics plays in medical science.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

On successful completion of the module students will be able to:

- feel confident about analysing and using the symbols of the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) for both British English and American English pronunciation
- understand the meanings and usage of a variety of words and expressions used in clinical settings
- understand the main rules of English grammar.

#### **Applying knowledge and understanding**

On successful completion of the module students will be able to:

- understand and use a variety of words and expressions typical of clinical settings in English.

#### **Communication skills**

On successful completion of the module students will be able to:

- express themselves with clarity and accuracy

## **Making judgements**

On successful completion of the module students will be able to:

- make informed judgements about the topics of the course.

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

The module will consider the following topics:

- 1. Taking a history*
- 2. Vital signs*
- 3. Pain*
- 4. Explaining diagnosis and management*
- 5. Discussing treatment with patients*
- 6. The hospital*
- 7. Pre-operative patient assessment*
- 8. Post-operative patient assessment*
- 9. Patient discharge*
- 10. Breathing problems*
- 11. Communicating*
- 12. Personal care*
- 13. Elimination*
- 14. Eating and drinking*
- 15. Mobility*
- 16. Wound care*
- 17. Sexuality and gynecology*
- 18. Medical imaging*
- 19. Heart problems*
- 20. Diabetes care*
- 21. Intravenous infusions*
- 22. Cancer treatment*

Students will also be given the chance to practise the language of both telephone conversations and oral presentations.

## **COURSE STRUCTURE**

The module of the course will be investigated both in lectures and practical classes for a total of 42 hours.

## **AWARDING OF EXAMINATION GRADES**

Grades will be awarded on completion of an oral examination. The contents of the examination are to be found in the books indicated in the Reading Materials section below.

The knowledge and ability to understand, the ability to apply knowledge and understanding, the autonomy of judgment and the communication skills of the student will weigh in the final score as follows 20%, 20%, 20% and 40%, respectively.

### **READING MATERIALS**

Rotatori, A. (2020). *Parlare e comprendere l'inglese contemporaneo della medicina e infermieristica*. EdiSES

Wells, J. (2008). *Longman Pronunciation Dictionary* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition). Longman

Further materials will be made available as handouts before lectures.