

DEGREE COURSE IN MIDWIFERY

Teaching: SCIENTIFIC ENGLISH

SSD : L-LIN/12

CFU: 1 (II anno)

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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 gynaecology*

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

COURSE STRUCTURE

The topics of the course will be investigated both in lectures and practical classes for a total of 30 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.

A pass is awarded where a student convincingly shows that they can communicate in spoken English to a sufficient standard and can accurately reproduce the pronunciations of words and expressions dealt with in class.

READING MATERIALS

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

Wells, J. (2008). *Longman Pronunciation Dictionary* (3rd edition). Longman

Further materials will be made available as handouts before lectures.