UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
Health Informatics and Health Information Management Prerequisite

Medical Terminology
The prerequisite of Medical Terminology is met by successfully completing a listed course from a community college, or by passing the HIHIM Medical Terminology Challenge Exam as described below.

**WARNING**

Medical Terminology credit is NOT accepted by University of Washington Admissions toward the 90 credits needed for admission to the HIHIM major. You can make up the loss by completing other transferrable credits.

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**CLAS 205** does *NOT* fulfill the medical terminology prerequisite.

See “Medical Terminology Challenge Exam” below.

**CLAS 205 – Bioscientific Vocabulary Building From Latin and Greek** (3) VLPA

Designed to help the student master the scientific vocabulary of his or her particular field by a study of the Latin and Greek roots that are used to create the majority of scientific terms. No auditors. Knowledge of Latin or Greek is not required.

MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY CHALLENGE EXAM

The HIHIM Medical Terminology Challenge Exam is proctored by ProctorU. Visit [http://proctoru.com](http://proctoru.com) for more information.

The exam is required for prospective applicants who have:

1) completed the UW **CLAS 205** course, or  
2) completed a medical terminology course from a non-accredited source, or  
3) have self-studied and/or substantial experience in understanding and using terminology  
4) It is recommended to study “*The Language of Medicine*” (10th Edition) by Davi-ellen Chabner (available in the UW bookstore) or other approved medical terminology textbook.

The challenge exam is not required for the following successfully completed courses.

ONLINE (START ANYTIME)

**UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA** Online  
HSC 3537 Health & Medical Terminology (Start at any time)

Students learn proper medical and scientific terminology usage within the context of human anatomy and physiology, and pathology. Writing and pronunciation exercises help student develop a command of medical terms by understanding word roots.  

**BELLEVUE COLLEGE** Classroom/Online

AHE 110 Medical Terminology (previously HPRO 120)

Provides a comprehensive foundation of basic medical terminology for use in health care careers. Includes prefixes, suffixes, word roots, combining forms, special endings, plural forms, abbreviations and symbols. Emphasis is on body structures, anatomical systems, pathologies, medical procedures, medical specialties, and common terms and abbreviations used in health care.
EDMONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BSTEC 104 Medical Terminology
Study of basic medical terminology: prefixes, suffixes, word roots, combining word forms, special endings, plural forms, abbreviations, and symbols. Emphasis is placed on spelling, definition, usage, and pronunciation. Prerequisite: BRDGE 093 or EAP 100.

EVERETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE Online

HLTH 100 Medical Terminology
Study of medical terminology, relating terms to the anatomy and physiology of the body. This course is designed for students working toward proficiency in medical language as well as for students entering the allied health professions, such as medical assistants, physical therapists, dental assistants, insurance examiners, nurses, etc.

HIGHLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE Online

HEAL 104 TERM/ANATOMY/PHYSIO 1
On-line introduction to Terminology, Anatomy, Physiology, Pharmacology. Designed for students enrolled in medical assistant department or other allied health programs.

LAKE WASHINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE Classroom/Online

MEDA 116 Medical Terminology
Basic structure of medical terms including Greek and Latin roots, prefixes, suffixes, word analysis, spelling, and pronunciation. An overview of anatomical terms with an introduction to the basic concepts of health and disease. Equivalent to NURS 105. Prerequisites: ABED 046 or instructor permission.

LEWIS-CLARK STATE COLLEGE (IDAHO) Online

MEDPT 172 Medical Terminology
http://www.lcsc.edu/dl/Schedule-Fall/Courses/MEDPT172.htm

NORTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE Classroom/Online

AHI 100 Introduction to Medical Vocabulary
General survey course in medical terminology introducing health service workers to the basic rules and fundamentals in medical vocabulary-building

OLYMPIC COLLEGE

MEDA 162 Medical Terminology
The roots, suffixes, prefixes, abbreviations, and combining forms used in medical terminology and their application to all body systems. Intro to medical specialties.

PIERCE COLLEGE

BTECH 150 Medical Terminology 1
Fundamentals of medical terminology, including prefixes, suffixes, root words, and basic rules, upon which the student will build a medical vocabulary. Includes basic anatomy and physiology for the medical office worker.

RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE Classroom/Online

HLTH 105 Medical Terminology / MAPS 103 – Medical Terminology
Introduction to word origin and medical terminology relating to body structure, cells and organs, disease, surgery, diagnosis, and treatment.

SEATTLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE Online

AHE 168 Medical Terminology
Introduction to the concept of "word building" with Greek and Latin word roots, prefixes and suffixes. Strengthen understanding of definitions through interpreting medical terms in the context of a variety of medical reports.

SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE Online

HCI 134 Medical Terminology
Medical prefixes, suffixes, roots. Overview of anatomy, symptoms, diseases, operations, tests, abbreviations for digestive, urinary, female/male reproductive, musculoskeletal, nervous, cardiovascular, skin, respiratory, blood, lymphatic, eye, ear, and endocrine systems. Oncology, pharmacology, radiology, psychiatry also discussed. On campus and online versions available.
SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE Requires Two Courses

MED 103  Medical Terminology I 3 Credits
Study and construction of medical terms by learning and combining word roots, suffixes and prefixes. Emphasis on construction usage, definition, pronunciation and spelling. Prerequisite: None.

MED 112  Medical Terminology II 5 Credits
Using basic word roots, combining forms, prefixes, and suffixes: correlates basic human anatomy and physiology with medical terminology. Major medical specialties, aspects of pathology, and surgical and diagnostic procedures included. Pharmacological terms, medical abbreviations, and overview of diagnostic and imaging procedures addressed. Prerequisite: MED 103.

SOUTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AHE 168  Medical Terminology
Introduction to the concept of word building with Greek and Latin word roots, prefixes and suffixes, resulting in the acquisition of a large medical vocabulary.

SPOKANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HED 125  Medical Terminology
This course introduces the roots, prefixes and suffixes comprising the structure of medical terms associated with all body systems with emphasis on medical eponyms, abbreviations and the correct spelling of all terms.

TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE Online

HIM 130  HOG Medical Terminology I
Study of selected roots, prefixes and suffixes; principles of word building; study of diagnostic, operative, and symptomatic terms of body systems with emphasis on accurate spelling and pronunciation of all medical terms; study of medical abbreviations, selected eponyms, clinical laboratory and radiology terminology.

*Prerequisite(s):* Assessment at college-level Reading and English.