# Course Outcomes Guide Spring 2016

Course/Program Title: MAP 102 Medical Terminology

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## **Expected Course Outcomes:**

1. Demonstrate ability to build, define, and correctly spell medical terms to insure accurate documentation

2. Demonstrate basic knowledge of medical terminology associated with body systems, signs and symptoms, diseases, disorders, treatments, procedures and devices.

#### Assessment

Course completion: Number passing at 75% or greater.

Course Outcomes: Common final exam with 3 sections for item analysis: CO #1 Ouestions: word part definition, word building

CO #2 Questions: abbreviation definition CO #2 Questions: pathophysiology

#### Validation

#### **Course Completion**

Completion of course with an average grade of 75% or higher.

**Course Outcome 1** Common Final Exam Questions: 75% will get > 75% correct

Questions word part definition
Questions word building

**Course Outcome 2** Common Final Exam Questions: 75% will get > 75% correct

Questions abbreviation definition Questions pathophysiology

### **Results LECTURE BASED SECTIONS**

## Course Completion:

81% (69/85 students) completed the course with a grade of 75% or higher 19% (16/85 students) completed the course with a grade less than 75%. Of these, 13 were "walk away" F grades. Repeated contacts were made to encourage these students to withdraw from the course, but they did not.

Course Outcomes (Common Final Exam Questions): (N=72)

Course Outcome 1: 75% of students get >75% correct

Questions word definition 82% Questions word building 75%

Course Outcome 2:

Questions abbreviation definition 81% Questions pathophysiology 91%

### Follow-up

Students met outcome targets in all 4 categories for the first time since the data has been accumulated and analyzed. Instructors to continue to use identified techniques when teaching.

"Walk Away" failing grades have increased tremendously. Many students with financial aid have packages that do not allow students to withdraw or to change to audit status. To remind students to withdraw is not going to work with these restrictions.

The first suggestion for working to reduce the number of "walk away" students is to educate HCC advisors about the rigor of the Medical Terminology course so that they can better advise potential students, identify students at risk, and assist students to analyze their choice of major.

Lastly, the Learning Support Center should be encouraged to hire more allied health tutors to assist students struggling with entry level health science courses like Medical Terminology.

## **Results ONLINE DELIVERY**

## **Course Completion:**

86% (55/64 students) completed the course with a grade of 75% or higher 14% (9/69 students) completed the course with a grade less than 75%. Of these, 7 were "walk away" F grades. Repeated contacts were made to encourage these students to withdraw from the course, but they did not.

Course Outcomes (Common Final Exam Questions): (N=57)

Course Outcome 1: 75% of students get >75% correct

Questions word definition 80% Questions word building 72%

Course Outcome 2:

Questions abbreviation definition 71% Questions pathophysiology 85%

## Follow-up

The most significant improvement over the prior academic year is the large increase in the number of students passing the course with a grade of 75% or better. Students did not meet outcome 1 in the category of word building but maintained the success rate from the last academic year. Instructors to continue development of additional word building exercise worksheets and post them for each chapter and offer extra credit as an encouragement to students to complete the exercises.

Students did not meet outcome 2 in the category of abbreviation definition but there is a significant improvement over the last academic year (71% vs. 66% 2015). Instructors to continue to provide additional abbreviation exercise worksheets and post for each chapter and offer extra credit as an encouragement to students to complete the exercises.

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