

10-501-101 Medical Terminology PLA Information and Sample Questions

PLA Information

This is a PLA (Prior Learning Assessment) to be taken by individuals who wish to earn credit for prior learning for the Medical Terminology course.

Medical Terminology Course Description: Focuses on the component parts of medical terms: prefixes, suffixes and word roots. Students practice formation, analysis and reconstruction of terms. Emphasis on spelling, definition and pronunciation. Introduction to operative, diagnostic, therapeutic and symptomatic terminology of all body systems, as well as systemic and surgical terminology.

Credits: 3

Pre-Assessment Materials Provided: This PLA exam information, with sample questions, and a course outcome summary are provided for your review.

Process

1. Review the course competencies listed below and the Medical Terminology Course Outcome Summary provided by the college.
2. Practice for the exam using the sample questions provided.
3. Follow college procedures to take the PLA exam Parts 1 and 2.

Exam Details:

- Total number of questions: 100
- Time allowed: 2 hours, 15 min (1.5 min/question x 70 written plus 30 x 1 min for pronunciation = 135 min)
- Resources allowed during exam: None
- Attempts allowed: 1

Additional PLA Requirements per college discretion

Scoring

You must earn an 80% or higher to pass the assessment and receive credit for prior learning.

Course Competencies

1. Apply the rules of medical language
2. Identify medical terms related to the body as a whole
3. Interpret medical terms related to the lymph and immune systems
4. Interpret medical terms related to the integumentary system
5. Interpret medical terms related to the female reproductive system
6. Interpret medical terms related to the male reproductive system
7. Interpret terms related to the blood
8. Interpret terms related to the sensory system
9. Interpret terms related to the musculoskeletal system
10. Interpret terms related to the respiratory system
11. Interpret terms related to the digestive system
12. Interpret terms related to the nervous system
13. Interpret terms related to the endocrine system
14. Interpret terms related to the urinary system
15. Interpret terms related to the cardiovascular system

Rating Scale

Value	Description
Pass	You have earned a combined exam score of 80% or higher
Fail	You have earned a combined exam score of < 80%

Scoring Guide

	Criteria	Ratings
	You answer questions and pronounce terms correctly to earn a minimum combined score of 80%	Pass Fail
	Comments:	

Sample Exam Questions:

The test includes matching (match term and definitions), written terms, multiple choice, and pronunciation sections. Here are some sample questions with answers provided at the end of the question set.

Written Terms: Use word parts to build the term from the given definition. Be sure to spell the term correctly. Example: pertaining to under the tongue: sublingual

Definition	Write the term
1. Pertaining to the front and to the back:	_____
2. Pertaining to the upper pelvic bone and upper leg bone:	_____
3. Fungal condition of the nose:	_____
4. Surgical removal of a vein	_____
5. Disease of the body:	_____

Multiple Choice: Read the question. Select the best answer choice from the options provided.

6. What term means when disease symptoms return?

- a. Prolapse
 - b. Relapse
 - c. Syndrome
 - d. Remission
7. Which of the following describes the prone position?
- a. Lying on the back
 - b. Lying on the side
 - c. In front of the body
 - d. Lying on the stomach
8. Which treatment is appropriate for an abscess?
- a. Incision and drainage
 - b. Dermatoheteroplasty
 - c. Rhytidectomy
 - d. Onychotomy
9. What is the term for a blood clot dislodged from a deep vein in the lower extremity that was carried to the pulmonary artery, causing a blockage of circulation to the patient's lung?
- a. Pulmonary edema
 - b. Pertussis
 - c. Pulmonary embolism
 - d. Pleural effusion
10. Which term refers to X-ray imaging of the arterial blood vessels of the brain after injecting contrast?
- a. Lumbar puncture
 - b. Stereotactic surgery
 - c. Ventriculotomy
 - d. Cerebral angiography

Pronunciation: Speak the terms in the order listed 11–15. Please say the number then correctly pronounce the term clearly using conversational speech.

- 11. dyspnea
- 12. atelectasis
- 13. pancreatitis
- 14. gastroenterologist
- 15. pleural effusion

Sample Question Answers:

1. anteroposterior 2. iliofemoral 3. rhinomycosis, 4. phlebectomy, 5. somatopathy 6. b, 7. d, 8. a, 9.c, 10. d, 11. DISP·nee·uh, 12. a·tuh·LEK·tuh·suhs 13. PAN·kree·uh·tie·tis 14. Gas·troh·en·ter·OL·oh·gist 15. PLUR al eh FYU shun