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Title of the course: Preparation Course for the University Professional Final Exam in English for Medical Purposes

Neptun-code: 

Credit points: 2, 1x90 minutes per week

Course director: Fogarasi, Katalin PhD

Topics of the course:

The course is built upon authentic conversations using specific terminology, on written / spoken terminology panels and special documentation using terminology. The course prepares students for the B1 level University Professional Final Exam.

1. Introduction, university studies, subjects, specialties
   Skills: asking for basic information, orientation in medical fields
2. University studies
   Body areas, body parts and related symptoms
   Skills: interviewing the patient and documenting current complaints
3. Choosing a medical specialty
   Diseases, predispositions, surgical interventions
   Skills: history taking, family and social history taking, summarizing cases
4. Future professional plans
   Physical examination. Making a diagnosis, referring the patient for further examinations, patient paths
   Skills: giving instructions, communicating probability in relation to the diagnosis, referrals
5. Presenting a research area or a medical specialty
   Types of drugs, therapeutic groups, indications and contraindications
   Skills: interpreting a patient information leaflet; giving instructions on how to take medications
6. Daily professional routine
   Examining the patient with diagnostic devices
   Skills: interpreting findings; describing test methods, preparing the patient for examination, informing the patient; requesting expert opinion
7. Midterm test.
   Emergency care, first aid
   Skills: assessing the patient by using the ABCDE approach, reporting on patient condition based on the SBAR approach, summarizing cases
   Cardiovascular diseases
   Skills: interviewing and informing the patient, informing the patient on patient paths, summarizing cases
9. Healthy lifestyle.
   The role of healthy eating and physical activity. Gastrointestinal diseases
   Skills: interviewing and informing the patient, patient paths, summarizing cases
10. The importance of prevention
    Screenings and vaccinations. Respiratory diseases
Skills: interviewing and informing the patient, patient paths, summarizing cases

11. Traditional medicine and alternative therapies
   Diseases of the kidney and the urinary tract
Skills: interviewing and informing the patient, patient paths, summarizing cases

12. The role of alternative therapies in modern medicine
   Endocrinological, neurological and metabolic diseases
Skills: interviewing and informing the patient, patient paths, summarizing cases

13. Endterm test. Mock exam
14. Mock written test. Closing the term, evaluating the term

Requirements for attending the course and catching-up opportunities:

Attendance of lessons is obligatory. Students are allowed to have two absences per semester. In the case of more absences, the teacher may deny giving signature (TVSz 17§ 7). Students who miss a class, can make up for it (two times a semester).

Possibilities to justify absence:
A medical certificate for long-term sickness or hospitalization is required if students are absent more than 2 times.

Midterm and end-term test and possibilities for retake:
Midterm and end-term test (week 7 and 13) and oral exam (week 14)
Topics of midterms: see the topics of the course.
Students who fail the midterm test must retake it out of the hours of the lesson

Requirements for signature:
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Determination of the final grade:
The evaluation of student performance is based on the marks received for the 2 written papers, the oral exam, and received for active participation in classes. Tests under 50% must be retaken. In the latter case, the mark fail will also be calculated towards the final mark.

0–50% = 1 (fail)
51–60% = 2 (pass)
61–75% = 3 (satisfactory)
76–89% = 4 (good)
90–100% = 5 (excellent)

Type of exam: -

Application for the exam: –

Modification of the application for the exam: –

Justification of absence from the exam: –
List of course material and secondary literature:


Authentic material compiled by the Department of Languages for Specific Purposes. Textbooks per specific languages according to the list provided.