Semmelweis University, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Languages for Specific Purposes

Title of the course: German for Medicine I

Neptun-code: AOSNYE929_1M

Type: Elective subject

Credit points: 2, 1x90 minutes per week

Course director: Katalin Fogarasi PhD

Topics of the course:

The course is built upon conversation using specific terminology and on written/spoken terminology panels. Its aim is to get students from level B1 to level B2 to communicate using terminology.

Week1. Introduction, university studies, subjects and specialities
      Skills: asking for basic information, orientation in medical fields
  2. Body regions, body parts and related symptoms
      Skills: asking the patient about his complaints
  3. History taking, diseases and surgical interventions
      Skills: history taking, documenting data
  4. Inherited diseases, predisposition and causes of death
      Skills: taking the family and social history, and documenting data
  5. Physical examination. The nature of pain
      Skills: giving instructions and asking questions during the examination
  6. Diagnosis, referral for further tests
      Skills: communicating the diagnosis, expressing the probability of the diagnosis, referral writing
  7. Midterm test. Types of drugs and therapeutic groups, indications and contraindications
      Skills: understanding patient information leaflets; instructions on how to use drugs
  8. Emergency care, first aid
      Skills: assessing the patient by using the ABCDE approach and reporting on patient condition based on the SBAR approach
  9. Laboratory tests (taking blood, glucose tolerance test, urine test, etc.)
      Skills: writing referrals, interpreting laboratory findings; preparing the patient for examination, informing the patient
 10. Examining the patient with diagnostic devices
      Skills: writing referrals, interpreting laboratory findings; describing test methods, preparing the patient for examination, informing the patient
 11. Surgical interventions, surgery
      Skills: describing interventions and surgeries, preparing the patient for surgery, informing the patient
 12. Check-up, discharging the patient
      Skills: writing discharge reports, advising patients
 13. End-of-term oral exam. Presentations
 14. 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 three absences per semester. In the case of more absences, the teacher may deny giving signature (TVSz 29§ 2) a)). 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 a retake:

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

Requirements for signature:

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Final grade:

The evaluation of student performance is based on the marks received for the written paper and the oral exam, and mark received for active participation in classes. Tests under 50% must be retaken. In the latter case, the result of 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: practice mark

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.