



Department of Biomedical Sciences
School of Physiotherapy
English Teaching Syllabus

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English (3 CFU)

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Objectives
The course aims to activate key language skills and develop specialist healthcare language, commonly required to communicate effectively when working as healthcare professionals.
By the end of the course, students should:
have improved their English language skills and knowledge
be able to use everyday healthcare language appropriately
be able to interact effectively in English in specialized healthcare situations
become more proficient in reading and comprehending a variety of scientific text types
be able to produce written documents for specialized professional purposes

Teaching methods
During the course students will be exposed to a wide-range of text types and sources related to healthcare and physiotherapy, through which they will also be able to focus on developing scientific reading and fundamental writing skills. Specific language points will be explained and practised in context. Classes will consist of teacher input and students working on language tasks through individual work, pairwork, small group discussions as well as role-plays.

Teaching learning material
Slides presented during the lessons and material delivered by the teacher. All materials will be provided as weekly handouts.

Course Content

1) Spoken Interaction

Welcoming a patient and collecting information
Giving information about staff, roles and responsibilities in a hospital
Describing places in a hospital and giving directions
Discussing habits, routine and procedures
Talking about the body and its functions
Talking about symptoms, illnesses and treatment
Giving polite instructions to patients
Making offers and requests
Giving advice and making suggestions
Explaining medical equipment and instruments
Talking about plans, intentions and decisions
Discussing past events and patient
Sharing information with caregivers

