COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None

This course will provide instruction in academic and professional language skills for non-native speakers of English. Emphasis is placed on development of integrated language skills for use in studying a particular content area. Upon completion, students should be able to demonstrate improved language skills for participation and success within the particular topic area.

Course Hours Per Week: Class, 5.
Semester Hours Credit, 5.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate basic knowledge as it relates to the culture of healthcare settings, terminology and staff.
2. Select appropriate terminology in their field of study as it relates to communicating with healthcare professionals.
3. Use appropriate language and demonstrate suitable cultural behavior for interacting with patients and their families.
4. Apply the listening strategies to improve global and discrete listening comprehension using dialogues, monologues, interviews and mini-lectures.
5. Construct oral presentations in the students’ field of study for the development of professional delivery and spoken skills in US English.
OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:
Each unit of study will include individual and group work: Listening tasks, language focus, readings and vocabulary and project work (i.e. presentations, writing assignments and/or research).

I. Healthcare in focus
   A. Career exploration and choices
   B. Interview skills and requirements
   C. Research and vocabulary development: Basic anatomy
   D. Research and vocabulary development: Diseases, disorders, and treatments
   E. Research and vocabulary development: Alternative medicine

II. Culture of communication
   A. Healthcare professionals
   B. Patients and families
   C. Intercultural communication
   D. Laws and liabilities

III. Case Studies
   A. Lifestyle and behaviors
   B. Aging population
   C. Critical healthcare issues in the US
   D. Beliefs and traditions about health and illness
   E. Teamwork
   F. Telephone skills

IV. Final Project
   Each student will develop an original project that incorporates research, writing, listening, and speaking as it relates to a focused and specialized topic in the student’s field of interest and study as it relates to the healthcare industry in the US.