Medical Terminology (AlH A111) Online focuses on the analysis of medical terms through learning basic roots, prefixes, and suffixes related to the body systems and applying them to terms used in documenting and reporting patient care procedures.

The principal goal of the course is to provide a working knowledge of the language of health care used by medical professionals. Students report to the online classroom and follow weekly checklists that direct their learning experience. The course is normally taught in a 16 week semester, but has been offered in an intensive 8 week session.

The course is a requirement for most of the programs in the Orange Coast College School of Allied Health Professions; however, AlH A111 (Medical Terminology) is not an entry level course. Bio A221 (Anatomy and Physiology) is a recommended preparation. It is also recommended to take medical terminology closer to the start of a health care program so the information is current. AlH A010 (Health Occupations) should be taken first if you are interested in one of the allied health professions offered at OCC.

**ESL A160 is a recommended preparation for students who know English as a second language.**

Credits earned: 3 units  
Delivery method(s): Print, World Wide Web  
Course includes: two on campus test dates.

The only traditional part of this course is that the mid term and final must be taken on campus. Once enrolled, students go through an online orientation and are given a password to access the AlH A111 web classroom. One can log on anytime, day or night, after that. There is no specific time for class. Each student works at the time that best fits their individual needs; however, deadlines for completion of assignments and quizzes are set so that the course can be completed in 16 weeks (or 8 weeks in an intense summer session).
The Syllabus and Schedule are posted within the online classroom and additional information on how to get started is provided each student after enrolling and making contact with the instructor from within the Blackboard classroom on the first day of class.


Make sure to reference the ISBN numbers when purchasing these materials as the text is also sold separately to students who are taking the class on campus and do not require the online course access. Those who already have the solo text can purchase the course-specific online access code separately in a Blackboard Brochure identified by ISBN: 978-0-7817-6164-2 [also available through OCC Bookstore (or publisher (www.lww.com))]

Recommended: Stedman’s Medical Dictionary for the Health Professions and Nursing, Sixth Edition, Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins ISBN: 978-0-7817-7618-9 [For students with limited funds: This dictionary is available for reference at the Reserve Desk in the OCC Library]