

# **Medical Assisting: Medical Terminology**

Exam Information	Description	
Exam number 710	The Medical Assistant: Medical Terminology industry certification exam assesses learners' abilities to support physicians by providing assistance during patient examinations, administering and monitoring treatments, and keeping patient and related health record information. The exam covers	
79	clinical, administrative, and laboratory duties performed in the role of a medical assistant.	
Points 76	Exam Blueprint	
Prerequisites None	Standard  1. Medical terminology	Percentage of exam
Recommended course length One semester	2. Medical abbreviations	20%
National Career Cluster Health Science		
Performance standards N/A		
Certificate available Yes		

#### Standard 1

Students will interpret and apply medical terminology.

## Objective 1 Identify the basic structure of medical words associated with Medical Assisting.

- 1. Recognize word construction and dissection.
- 2. Apply word building and definitions.
  - a. Root Words
  - b. Prefixes
  - c. Suffixes

## **Objective 2** Identify and utilize anatomical positions, planes, and directional terms.

- 1. Demonstrate what anatomical position is and how it is used to reference the body.
- 2. Distinguish between the commonly used anatomical planes and recognize their individual views.
  - a. Sagittal/Midsagittal Plane
  - b. Frontal/Coronal Plane
  - c. Transverse/Horizontal Plane
- 3. Apply directional terms to other locations on the human body.
  - a. Superior/Inferior
  - b. Anterior/Posterior
  - c. Medial/Lateral
  - d. Distal/Proximal
  - e. Superficial/Deep
  - f. Ventral/Dorsal
  - g. Prone/Supine
  - h. Unilateral/Bilateral

#### Standard 2

Students will identify medical abbreviations in a healthcare setting.

## **Objective 1** Interpret and apply identified medical abbreviations.

- 1. Interpret and extract information from realistic medical documents.
- 2. Apply medical abbreviations to interpreting and writing prescriptions.

## **Objective 2** Interpret healthcare symbols.