

English 207: Health Science Writing

Sections 201 and 202

Online: No Meeting Pattern

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Course Description: This course is particularly appropriate for students in the College of Health Sciences, the College of Nursing, Pre-Medicine, Dental, other medical fields, and the Professional Writing Program. As this course is intended for students from a variety of disciplines, it focuses on writing professionally and effectively within medical fields, rather than on writing tasks or formats particular to any one medical specialty. The primary learning objectives of this course are to: address various writing purposes; adapt writing to both technical and non-technical audiences; organize documents based on types of messages and audiences; use medical and scientific databases to conduct research related to current healthcare issues; analyze and evaluate types of sources; incorporate healthcare-related research into documents; use various strategies to define and explain technical terms and concepts; convey written report data in a presentation format; use visual representations of data in documents; and, produce precise and concise documents in correct formats. Assignments will focus on communication appropriate for healthcare professionals, as well as for patients and other laypeople.