

## **English 207: Health Science Writing**

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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.

**Course Description:** 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/clients and other laypeople.

### **Required Course Texts**

You may rent or purchase print or electronic copies of the required course texts at [ecampus.com](http://ecampus.com) or other online outlets that offer the course texts. The course texts are the following:

Alred, Gerald, Charles T. Brusaw, and Walter E. Oliu. *Handbook of Technical Writing* (12<sup>th</sup> edition). New York: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2019.

Bonk, Robert J. *Writing for Today's Healthcare Audiences*. Ontario, Canada: Broadview Press, 2015.