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 Goals/Learning Objectives
The primary learning objectives of this course are to:

• Address various purposes
• Adapt to various audiences
• Organize documents based on types of messages
• Format professional documents
• Construct sentences that are precise and concise
• Use medical databases effectively to conduct research
• Analyze and evaluate sources
• Incorporate research into documents
• Document sources
• Convey written report data in a presentation format

Types of Assignments
The types of assignments that students may be asked to write to achieve the learning objectives include: writing short professional documents (such as memos, letters, email) that provide instructions, policies and procedures, patient information brochures and a literature review; researching and writing a report based on a current health issue; and, preparing a PowerPoint presentation based on the report.

Prerequisites
Satisfaction of GER English Composition competency requirement. May not be taken credit/no credit.

Required Texts