

ENGLISH FOR CARE

DELIVERING OUTSTANDING CARE



ENGLISH LEVEL: A2 & B1
Elementary & Lower-intermediate

Communicating accurately and effectively is critical to the safety, care and wellbeing of patients.

This course teaches the English that healthcare and nursing students need to communicate effectively in many patient scenarios, including patient admissions, activities of daily living, vital areas of care, looking after elderly patients, and working with mental health issues.

The course is designed for learners with an elementary and lower-intermediate (A2-B1) level of English.

This dynamic, engaging course covers a wide range of vocabulary, patient and colleague interactions and practical healthcare English.



“The course is so useful to me and my students in many ways such as knowing more about medical terminology, how to pronounce medical words, improving reading skills and listening.”

Kim An, Nursing Lecturer, Da Nang University, Vietnam



Course Content

Patient Admission

- Introducing yourself
- Checking patient information
- Patient confidentiality
- People and places in the hospital
- Taking patient observations
- Hospital chart: observation chart

Eating and Drinking

- Talking about meals
- Helping with meal times
- Completing a fluid balance chart
- Avoiding dehydration
- Hospital charts: MUST chart

Toileting a Patient

- Talking about incontinence
- Urine output
- Assisting patients with toileting
- Talking about constipation
- Ensuring dignity and privacy
- Hospital charts: bowel charts

Mobility

- Language of mobility
- Rehabilitation and disability
- Care of a plaster cast
- Helping a patient after a hip operation
- Care after a stroke
- Hospital chart: patient handling

Pressure Area Care

- Pressure ulcers
- Managing pressure ulcers
- Log rolling a patient
- Intentional rounding
- Hospital chart: pressure ulcer assessment tools

Falls and injuries

- Falls, slips and trips
- Types of injuries
- Wounds and dressings
- Scenario: a resident has a fall
- Accountability of HCAs
- Hospital charts: falls assessment

Elderly patients

- Gerontology and the ageing process
- Legal and ethical issues in ageing
- Dementia in the elderly
- Parkinson's disease
- Talking about osteoporosis
- End of life care, supporting relatives

Infection control

- Cycle of infection and contagious diseases
- Body temperature
- Pneumonia and other chest infections
- Talking about respiration
- Hospital acquired infections
- Use of PPE and hand hygiene
- MRSA , talking MRSA swabs

Pain

- Types of pain
- Asking about pain
- Using pain scales
- Pain behaviour in the elderly
- Non-pharmacological pain relief
- Chest pain and the heart

Mental Health

- The Mental health team
- Depression in the elderly
- Talking about depression
- Confusion in the elderly
- Substance misuse
- Alcohol Withdrawal Score
- Dealing with challenging behaviours
- Managing aggressive patients

Inputs: during the course, students listen to conversations, read medical texts and hospital charts, watch animated videos, look at work-related photographs and images, and study vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation focus points.

Exercises: students take a wide range of exercises to help learn the language they need. The exercises concentrate on learning the English required in multiple healthcare scenarios.

Length: 60 hours, with each unit designed to take 6 hours to complete.

Progress Assessment: at the end of every unit, there is a progress review and test so students can assess what they have learnt.

Course Accreditation: The course is accredited by the CPD Standards Office in the UK, whose professional qualifications are recognised worldwide.

End of Course Certificate: When you complete the course, you receive a formal CPD Standards certificate, accepted internationally and across multiple professional sectors.

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Teacher Support



Teachers get free logins, teacher guides with answers, audio and video transcripts, and lesson ideas, as well as ongoing support from SLC's academic department.

Customise the course for your students



Course content can be rearranged, added to or removed so you have a course that matches your syllabus and ensures your students are learning what you want them to.

Integrated progress reporting



Track your students' progress with the integrated reporting tool. Perfect for checking homework, and creating blended learning courses.

