This course is particularly appropriate for students in the College of Health Sciences, the College of Nursing, Pre-Medicine, 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 data orally

**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, giving an oral presentation based on the report.

**Prerequisites**
Completion of the English Proficiency Requirement with a final grade of ‘C’ or better in a second-semester first-year Composition course or a score of 4 or higher on the English Placement Test.