

### ***Technological Requirements for Online and/or Hybrid Courses***

Basic computer literacy skills are recommended for program entry. Students will need email and internet access.

A computer lab is available for use by currently enrolled students. Internet access and several software programs including Microsoft Word are available. Lab hours may vary based on availability of staff and special event schedules.

CANVAS is the Learning Management System currently being used by NMSU-A. Support for students utilizing CANVAS, including how to log in and navigate within CANVAS is available through the Learning Technology Center located off the Patio in CB 101.

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## ***AHS 120 Medical Terminology (online course)***

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*If you want to “walk the walk,” then you have to “talk the talk” of Medical Language.*

Medical Terminology is the language used to communicate in the healthcare field — Medical Language.

Becoming proficient in Medical Language is essential for a successful career in healthcare.

*“Medical language is the language of the healthcare profession, and medical words are the tools of the trade!” Susan Turley*

### ***Medical Language Origins***

The Latin and Greek languages are the main source of medical words because in ancient times both the Romans and Greeks advanced the study and practice of medicine.

### ***Language Skills***

There are five language skills necessary to communicate in any language:

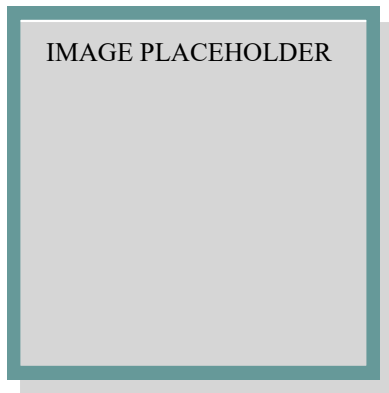
1. Reading
2. Listening
3. Thinking, analyzing, and understanding
4. Writing (or typing) and spelling,
5. Speaking and pronouncing

These skills are critical in the communication of Medical Language.

### ***Structure of Medical Language***

Medical Language contains medical words which contain word parts. There are three different kinds of word parts:

1. Combining form — the foundation of the word
2. Suffix — the word ending
3. Prefix — an optional word beginning



These word parts are the puzzle pieces that, when fit together, build a medical word.

Knowing the meaning of the combining form allows you to look at a medical

word and already have an idea about its definition.

Knowing the meaning of one word part allows you to apply it to the many medical words where it appears. (Susan Turley, *Medical Language*)

*“Medical language is the framework on which the practice of medicine is built. Healthcare professionals use medical language every day to communicate with each other.” Susan Turley*

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