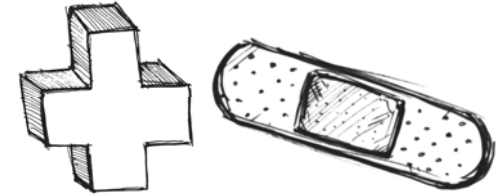




MEDTRACK[®]

Which Language is Right for You?



In addition to taking an on-line *Introduction to Medical Terminology* course, which will provide you with many key medical vocabulary words, you will take at least three years of a foreign language. Keep in mind that the choice of language is a highly personal one, often based on such factors as anticipated career path, family heritage, or intellectual interest. Read on to learn more . . .

French

- The most frequently taught language in the world after English – it is the only language other than English spoken on five continents
- Official language of the International Red Cross
- France is a world leader in medical research, including pioneering AIDS and genetics research (e.g., the Human Genome Project is located in Paris...)
- Opens up many academic and career choices worldwide

German

- Known as the language of science and international business
- Unofficial second language of Europe – just after English
- Closely related to English – both are Indo-European based
- Offers an opportunity to develop lifelong friendships with sister school in Osnabrück – Padua hosts 15 students each spring and travels every other year

Italian

- A living language, spoken by many as a first or second language
- Offers an opportunity to connect with and serve a thriving local community in their native language
- Heavily rooted in Latin, giving students an advantage in comprehending certain medical terminology

Latin

- Internationally used as the language of medicine, with additional applications to sciences such as biology, physiology, and anatomy
- Develops reading and writing skills, which improves English language composition, clarity, and precision of thought used in research and publication
- Can strengthen understanding of medical vocabulary used in terminology beyond MedTrack's required on-line course
- Promotes verbal reasoning and critical thinking, which contributes to successful results on a variety of standardized tests
- Official language of the Roman Catholic Church, which provides a platform for MedTrack's *Bioethics & Franciscan Life Issues* course

Spanish

- Spoken by many of Hispanic origin, representing a significant minority of the U.S. population
- Certain healthcare employers may prefer or even require Spanish language skills so that professionals may serve a diverse patient population
- Heavily rooted in Latin, giving students an advantage in comprehending certain medical terminology

Foreign Language Trips & Clubs

- Second, third, and fourth year language students can participate in a summer foreign language trip, which are generally offered every other year.
- Foreign language clubs (French Club, German Club, Italian Club, Junior Classical League (Latin), and Spanish Club) provide an opportunity to experience the culture of a language, as well as actively participate in raising money for the annual *Christmas For Others* program.

To further discuss your options, contact Mr. Virgil Daniel, Guidance Department Chair, at 440-845-2444 x126.
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