Course Overview
The English Language Chair of the Department of Precision Medicine is proud to announce the 2nd English for Medical Purposes (EMP) Course designed for candidates enrolled at the Doctoral Degrees in Biochemical and Biotechnological Sciences, Clinical and Experimental Medical Sciences, and Specialist School in Medical Genetics of the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli. This online teacher-led course is expertly designed to give candidates the specialist English language knowledge and skills they need to communicate in academic and professional medical settings along with an orientation to the practical approaches to discourse- and genre-informed theory relevant to EMP.

Course Objectives
The course syllabus takes students through the journey of specialised English language and is comprehensive in character. It includes a number of activities that test reading, writing, listening, speaking and vocabulary knowledge and skills filtered through the core components of concepts and topics used in medicine and healthcare, with a view to practising medical language in real work situations. The course also helps familiarise students with the study of the social functions of different kinds of written or spoken genres that are commonly used in the academic and professional contexts of medicine (such as writing a research article abstract or a doctor referral letter, and taking a medical history) and gives them useful ‘hands on’ experience in using linguistic forms and discourse structures inherent in the medical community.

Learning outcomes
By the end of the course, students will be able to:

- gain knowledge of the main conventional features of medical English language applied to a variety of real work situations
- understand how written/spoken medical genres function and structure participants’ actions and goals within academic and professional contexts
- bring together the skills of analysis and argument structure in the learning practice of disciplinary genres
Course Schedule

Teaching semester: 1st

Language credits: Biochemical and Biotechnological Sciences (4) - Clinical and Experimental Medical Sciences (4) – Medical Genetics (2)

Course length: February 2022 – April 2022

Number of hours: 50 hours > 1 lesson per week x 3 hours (= 30 hours with lecturer) + 20 hours self-study

Times: every Monday 14.30 – 17.30

Start date: Monday 21 February 2022 (14.30-17.30)

Type of delivery: online via University Microsoft Teams platform

Access code: ntu9blg

Attendance: mandatory

Type of final examination: oral

Pre-requisites: at least B1 level of English

Placement
Placement begins on 21 February with a short interview with the lecture

Course material

+ other support materials provided by the lecturer