



Language, Culture and Medicine: Courses for Researchers or Practitioners English Now!

Researchers from all over the world use English as their common language to share their findings with their colleagues, and health care practitioners use English to communicate with patients and colleagues. Whether you are working in a lab, presenting at a medical conference, or communicating with patients, it is important to understand English and speak English well. While English is the international language of medicine, this can be challenging for many medical professionals whose first language is not English. It takes practice to communicate effectively in another language, especially when adjusting to a new culture.

Course Goals: English Now! has developed a course to meet the communication goals of international medical professionals working in the Washington D.C. area. The course is designed for up to three students, so each student will receive personalized attention. As a participant in this course, you will:

- Improve your communication and presentation skills through role-plays and discussions on medical topics of interest.
- Make yourself more understandable to others by speaking clearly and concisely, and finding new ways to express your ideas.
- Learn how to speak to a variety of audiences by using everyday English to discuss scientific topics.
- Answer questions about your area of interest and practice with confidence.

The course is designed so that students will have the opportunity to work toward their individual goals, which they will communicate to their teacher at the beginning of the course.

Course Content: Language, Culture and Medicine uses high-quality texts as well as real-world curriculum. Curriculum varies based on whether students are researchers or practitioners and may include:

- Cambridge English For Scientists, Cambridge University Press, 2011
- Cambridge English in Medicine, Cambridge University Press, 2005
- Cambridge Good Practice for Medical Practitioners, Cambridge University Press, 2008.
- National Institutes of Health newsletters on current health and research topics.
- Current newspaper articles, radio programs, or TEDtalk presentations on medical and health topics

How is English Now! Unique? English Now! has served students from the NIH medical research and related health care communities from its location in downtown Bethesda for decades. Our small class size makes us uniquely focused on personalization of curriculum and teaching to the specific needs of students. Our purpose – to inspire students engage, enjoy, and thrive, in their studies and during their time in the U.S. – is aligned with the needs of high-level professional students. We do more than teach English – we provide the support you need to communicate successfully in the global workplace. Also, ask us about our Beyond the Classroom programs: office hours with our staff, monthly lunchtime talks, potluck lunches, and outings.

Course Schedule, Tuition & Registration: (1) We teach this class as a **semi-private lesson** if there are two or three students with similar needs, levels, and schedules, in 16, 90-minute sessions. Do you have a colleague that might be interested? For a semi-private lesson, tuition is \$672 for 16 sessions. (2) This class is also offered as a **private lesson**, at dates and times at your convenience. Consider a 16-session program or another schedule. For private lessons, tuition is \$40 per class hour, plus registration fee. All students pay a \$40, one-time registration fee. Books and materials are extra and usually between \$30 and \$40.

Contact Us. For more information, or to register for the **Language, Culture and Medicine** course, call English Now! at 301.718.3575 or email us at info@english-now.com.