Cambridge English for Nursing

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Introduction

The aims of *Cambridge English for Nursing* are to improve your communication skills at work and your English language knowledge in key areas of nursing. To give you practice in current healthcare situations, each of the ten units contains:

- discussion of the nursing topic
- listening activities reflecting everyday nursing scenarios
- a focus on communication, for example giving advice sensitively
- a medical focus, for example describing how the heart works
- charting and documentation – medical forms and how to use them
- abbreviations and acronyms used in healthcare
- an online glossary with a pronunciation guide

On the audio you hear people in the kind of healthcare situations that you encounter as a nurse, for example admitting a patient, explaining medical procedures, discussing lifestyle changes, handing over patients, taking part in training sessions, preparing a pre-op patient, and dealing with young patients in pain. In addition, online activities focusing on advances in technology will help you keep up-to-date with the latest medical equipment.

How to use *Cambridge English for Nursing* for self-study

If you are working on your own, you can do the units in any order you like. Choose the topic that you want to look at and work through the unit doing the exercises and checking your answers in the answer key. Note down any mistakes you make, and go back and listen or read again to see what the problem was. It’s a good idea to listen to the audio more than once and to read the audioscript afterwards to check that you’ve understood. For the speaking activities, *think* about what you would say in the situation. You could also try talking about the discussion points with your colleagues; the topics are all relevant for people who work in healthcare. Audioscripts and a comprehensive answer key with solutions to the activities as well as suggested answers for the discussion tasks are at the back of the book. In addition, you can find extra material and further activities for practice online at www.cambridge.org/elt/englishfornursing.

We hope you enjoy using the course. If you have any comments on *Cambridge English for Nursing*, we’d love to hear them. You can email us at englishfornursing@cambridge.org.

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