

UK SkillsFest25

Improving Nursing English across India

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Specialist Language Courses

About SLC

- ✓ Founded 2012
- ✓ Based at the University of Sussex, UK
- ✓ Digital language education specialist, focusing on English for Healthcare
- ✓ Provide digital materials in 75+ countries to universities, hospitals, individuals
- ✓ Leading language training supplier to UK National Health Service
- ✓ Over 56,000 learners

Over 850 hours of published digital English for Healthcare



**English
for Doctors**



**English
for Nurses**



**English for Nurses
Foundation**



**English
for Care**



**Mastering
Communication in
Social Care**



**English
for Pharmacy**



**English
for Radiology**



**English for
Medical Academic
Purposes**



**English for
Pandemics**



**Essential
Grammar for
Healthcare**



**Advanced
Grammar for
Healthcare**



**Writing for
Publication**



**An Introduction
to Medical
Humanities**



**Medical
Terminology**



**Reach OET B
Medicine**



**Reach OET B
Nursing**



**OET Practice
Tests**



Reach IELTS



**IELTS Practice
Tests**

The challenge

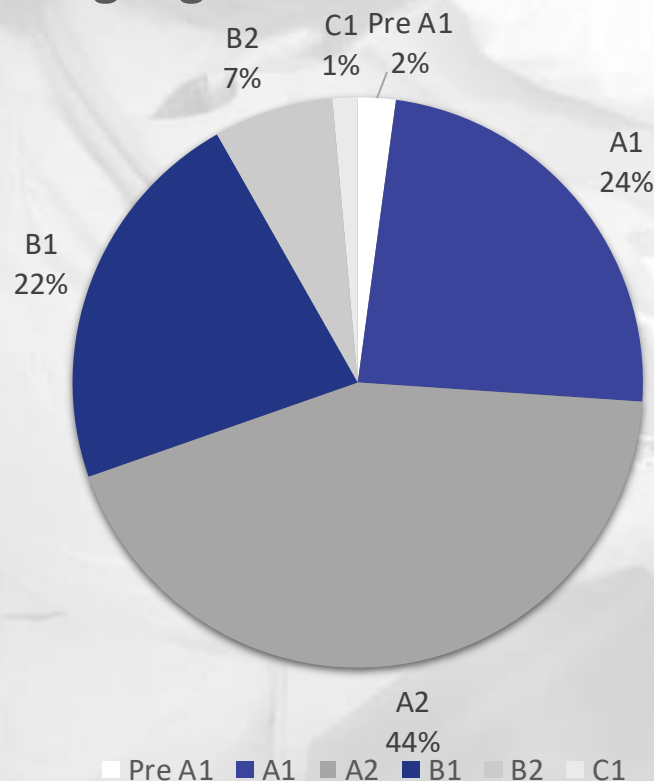
Nurses and nursing students across India need better profession-specific English.

- ✓ Nursing education increasingly 'EMI' (English as a Medium of Instruction)
 - Textbooks, lectures, exams
- ✓ Professional development in English
 - Conferences, workshops, research, journals
- ✓ Official hospital record-keeping in English
 - Patient charts, reports, forms
- ✓ Hospital communication in English
 - Working with staff and patients from other states or countries
- ✓ Work or study overseas – UK, US, Australia, UAE, Saudi Arabia, etc
 - OET / IELTS / PTE exams

→ Target nursing colleges.. BUT

Persistently low levels of English among nursing students.

Language Level of the test takers



WHY?

- ✓ Secondary education doesn't prepare nurses
- ✓ Few available resources for Nursing English
- ✓ Inexperienced English teachers
- ✓ English courses grammar-focused not communicative, clinical or profession-based
- ✓ Fragmented approach across nursing colleges
- ✓ Compulsory, but insufficient time allocated

India - UK partnership



Chennai, India

- ✓ Market knowledge
- ✓ Relationships
- ✓ Diagnostics
- ✓ Teachers
- ✓ On the ground problem solving



Specialist Language Courses

Brighton, UK

- ✓ Nursing English expertise
- ✓ 850+ hours digital content
- ✓ Tailored programmes
- ✓ Course design
- ✓ Teacher training expertise

Mapping the curriculum to nursing education



Meet Nurs-Eng: 3- & 4-year digital courses



Sample content – Year 2

YEAR 2

Low
Intermediate
level
(A2-B1)

60 hours teaching
+ 55 hours online
study

English for Care

Each unit consists of 6 hours study time. Content includes patient and colleague interactions, medical terms, hospital documents, reading, listening, and speaking using interactive recording and pronunciation tasks.

1. Falls and injuries

Topics include: falls, slips, trips, injuries, wounds and dressings, post-fall support, falls risk assessment.

2. Elderly patients

Topics include: elderly care, dementia, Parkinson's disease, osteoporosis, end of life care.

3. Infection control

Topics include: infection chain, temperature, chest infections, hospital-acquired infections, MRSA swabs.

4. Pain

Topics include: type and severity of pain, pain relief, cardiac arrest, handovers

5. Mental health

Topics include: mental health professionals, depression, confusion, substance misuse, alcohol withdrawal scale, managing challenging behaviour.

Essential Grammar for Healthcare

Each unit consists of 1 hour of study time. Grammar is introduced using authentic content, then explained, then practiced both at sentence level and whole text, including spoken via interactive recordings.

Tenses and verb forms

1. Past simple
2. Present perfect & past simple
3. Past continuous
4. Past perfect
5. Going to future

Functions

1. Comparatives & superlatives
2. Enough, too, so, such
3. Questions 1
4. Questions 2
5. Advice & suggestions

Medical Terminology

Learning a wide range of medical terms enables students to precisely describe the human body including its different parts, processes, conditions affecting it, and treatments and procedures performed upon it. Each unit includes analysis of root words, prefixes and suffixes, a wide variety of language, a pronunciation guide, and shows how medical terms are used in practice.

1. An introduction to medical terminology

Medical terms vs everyday terms; prefixes and suffixes for diseases, conditions, surgical procedures

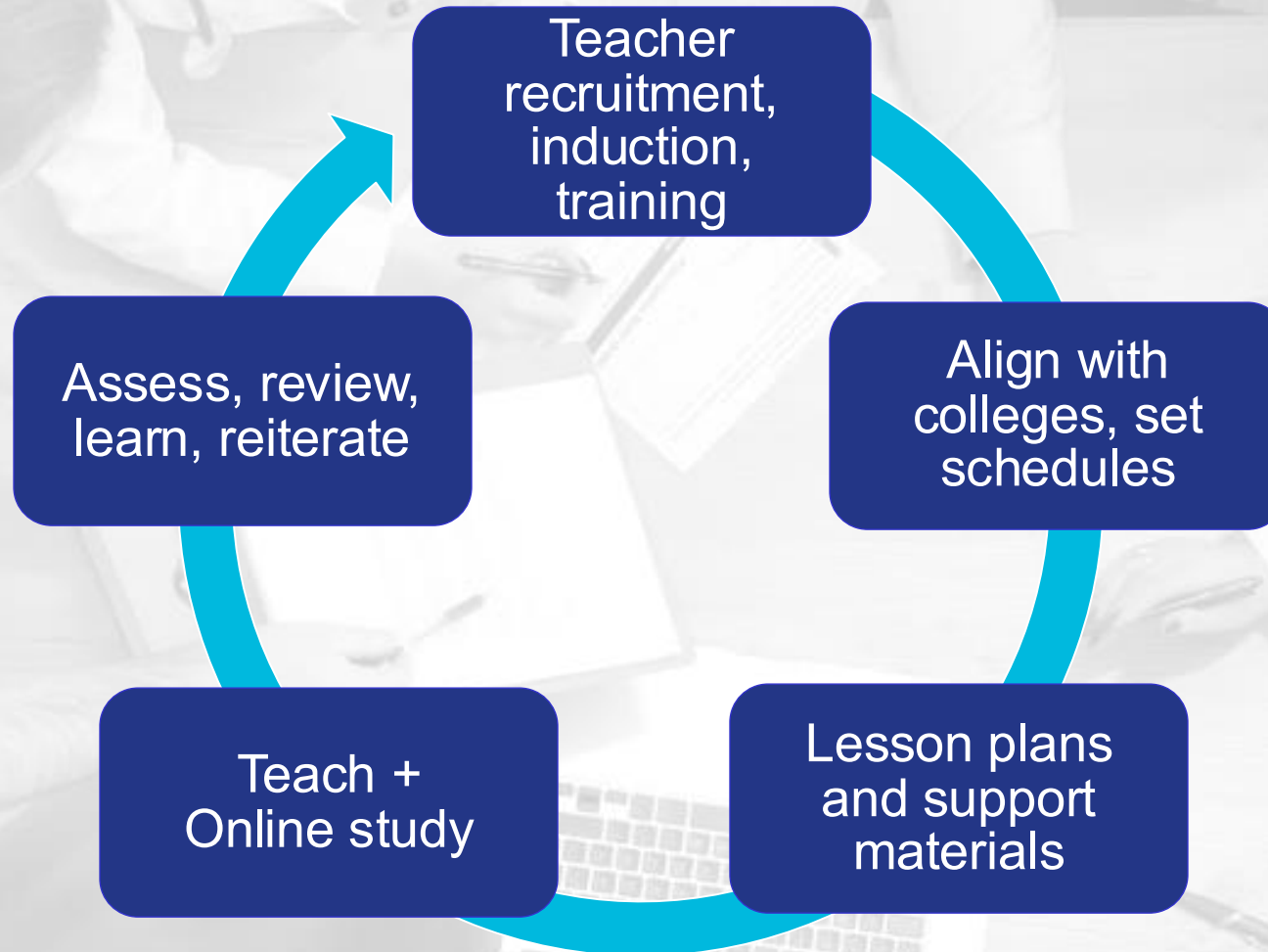
2. Terms for the body

Direction, movement, position; blood; body systems; internal organs

3. Terms for the top of the body

The head and neck; the face; the ears and eyes; the nose

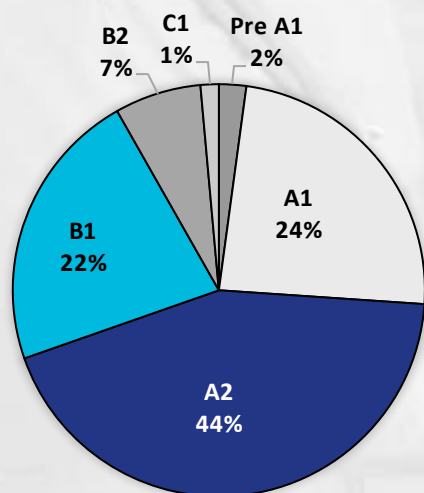
Delivering the curriculum



Early results = significant impact

Nursing college Hyderabad, 279 students, 2 years out of 4 completed

LANGUAGE LEVEL OF THE TEST TAKERS



	Year 1	Year 2
Level	2022-23	2023-24
C1	0	0
B2	0	0
B1	6	84
A2	33	14
A1	1	0

	Year 2	Year 3
Level	2022-23	2023-24
C1	0	9
B2	0	22
B1	74	47
A2	21	16
A1	0	0

	Year 3	Year 4
Level	2022-23	2023-24
C1	0	8
B2	0	25
B1	52	47
A2	44	16
A1	0	0

Global clients using customised online materials





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