



## MEDICAL SPELLING

- Purpose:** To encourage Health Science students to improve their ability to define and spell terms associated with careers in the health care community.
- Description of Event:** This event shall be divided into two rounds. Round One will be a 50-item written, multiple choice test in **1 hour**. The competitors with the top 50% highest scores will proceed to Round Two. Round Two will be a "spell-down" where competitors will spell terms pronounced by a health care professional. Definitions will be provided if requested by the competitor. Competitors will be eliminated when a term is misspelled. The last remaining competitor in Round Two becomes the first-place winner.
- Dress Code:** Competitors must be in official HOSA uniform or in proper business attire. Bonus points will be awarded for proper dress in Round One. Competitors who are not dressed appropriately for Round Two will not be allowed to compete.
- Rules and Procedures**
1. Competitors in this event must be active members of HOSA in good standing in the category in which they are registered to compete (Secondary or Postsecondary/Collegiate).
  2. One section of this event shall be scheduled for secondary and one for postsecondary/collegiate competitors. Competitor numbers will be pre-assigned.
  3. The test and the medical term lists shall be developed from the National HOSA test item bank. The terms used on the written test shall be randomly selected from the standard references. No study lists will be provided. The official references for terms selected shall be:
    - *Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary*. Edited by Donald Venes and Clayton L. Thomas, M.D. F.A. Davis Company, Latest edition.
    - *Mosby's Medical, Nursing & Allied Health Dictionary*. Elsevier Health Sciences, Latest edition.
  4. Round One shall be a 50 question written, multiple choice test, composed of easy, moderate and difficult terms. There will be a time limit of **one hour**. The written test will be given during the orientation for the event, therefore, **NO proxies will be allowed for orientation**. No study materials are allowed in the room.
  5. Competitors will be given a test with the test items turned face down. The competitors will be given instructions on the use of the Scantron form. After instructions have been given to competitors, they will be notified to start the test. There will be a verbal announcement when there are 15 minutes remaining for the test period. Competitors should leave the testing site promptly after completion of the test.
  6. The top 50% of Round One competitors will advance to Round Two. If the number of competitors in Round One is less than 30, the top 15 competitors will advance. Round Two competitors will be posted at a time and location designated in the NLC program.