

## Foreword

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This book has been written for nurses and midwives as well as nursing and midwifery students who would like to learn or brush up on their nursing and medical English. It also gives information on preparing for working and studying abroad as well as different aspects of the British and American health care systems.

The book is not intended to replace any nursing or anatomy textbook.

The authors have focused their experience and knowledge on important areas of nursing and nursing science so that the reader is introduced to English terminology used in these areas. We are aware that not all areas of nursing can be presented in detail. Basic research principles, including references to nursing research, plus advice on the application process, whether it be to work or study abroad, complete the information.

It's not necessary to read the book from beginning to end as the chapters are written as separate entities. Therefore each chapter can be referred to individually depending on the reader's needs. Relevant exercises and vocabulary lists support and encourage the reader in the individual subject areas. Important texts from the book are also available as audio files.

More information on the book can be found on the homepage.

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Whether you are using this book to practise or refresh your English skills or whether you have decided to venture into an exciting and new experience studying or working in an English-speaking environment, we, the authors, would like to wish you lots of fun and success!

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