

# Academy of English

## Occupational English Test (OET) Preparation Package

### Background

In medicine, accurate and effective communication is a crucial cornerstone of best practice. It often means the difference between success and failure of medical care delivery.

Designed specifically for medical practitioners, the Occupational English Test (OET) is one of the most stringent English proficiency tests in the world.

The test demands a high level of competency in all English language communication skills:

- **reading technical texts**
- **writing notes**
- **listening to cases**
- **speaking with patients**

**Critical thinking** is, in addition, required.

### What the candidate needs to pass

To be successful in the OET, candidates need to

- **Listen** to and understand patients (and relatives) relaying complex health and treatment issues
- **Convey** technical information in layman's language

- **Read** health-related material and quickly summarize main points, make relevant inferences, and/or reach correct conclusions.
- **Elicit** and *concisely record* key details from authentic written or audio materials.

### The Academy of English OET Preparation Package

The Academy of English OET Preparation Course comprises four comprehensive modules targeting these key competencies. It uses a blended learning approach, tailoring the programme to suit the needs of the student with:

- **Face-to-face classroom interaction** with a **skilled teacher** with first-hand knowledge of real-life medical situations, documentation, and the language they demand
- **Specific techniques** for improving each language skill
- **Purpose-created** written, audio and role play **materials**
- **Deep knowledge of OET test procedure** itself and practice under simulated test conditions

### Course Format

Taught either as an **intensive three-day programme** or a **longer programme**, depending on the needs of the candidate, the course's **modular format** further offers the **flexibility** of focusing more or exclusively on one or other specific skill that needs more refining.

### The Team



**Dr. (med) Alecia Banfield** is the Head of the Medical English Programme at the Academy of English. After her double Bachelors in Medicine and Surgery from the University of the West Indies and her Public Health Masters at the University of Liverpool, she worked as a doctor in emergency medicine and pediatrics before specializing in community medicine. She is also a certified teacher of English as a Foreign Language.



**Dr. John Goodyear** is Director of Studies of the Academy of English. Graduating from Queen Mary, University of London with a Ph.D. in German acoustic environments, he now oversees the academic operation at the Academy of English with its emphasis on English for Specific Purposes, particularly for medical practitioners. As OET Venue Manager, Dr. Goodyear is one of the leading figures for Medical English testing in Germany.

### Contact

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