

	<p>School of Health & Human Services</p> <p>Continuing Care Department Practical Nursing Program</p> <p>Fall 2016</p> <p>PNUR 119 Pharmacology 1 (30 hours)</p>
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COURSE OUTLINE

Please note: This outline will not be kept indefinitely. It is recommended students keep this outline for their records, especially to assist in transfer credit to post-secondary institutions.

Course Description:

This introductory course examines the principles of pharmacology required to administer medications in a safe and professional manner. Medication administration requires the application of the nursing process for clinical decision-making. The routes of medication administration introduced include medications used to treat constipation, eye and ear disorders and the integumentary system. Complementary, Indigenous and alternative remedies, and polypharmacy across the lifespan are explored.

Pre-requisites: Admission to the Practical Nursing Program

Co-requisites: Professional Practice 1; Health Promotion 1; Professional Communication 1; Variations in Health 1; Integrated Nursing Practice 1

Instructor Information:

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Intended Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, the learner will:

1. Describe the responsibility of the LPN in administration of medication.

2. Explain how drug standards and the drug legislation affect drug regulation in Canada.
3. Explain the purpose of the Canadian Drug Acts and their application to nursing practice.
4. Describe the concepts of pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics.
5. Identify basic terminology used in pharmacology.
6. Describe the principles of pharmacology as related to common drug actions and interactions.
7. Demonstrate competency with basic mathematical drug calculations.
8. Identify commonly used drug classification systems in Canada.
9. Explain the principles of medication administration.
10. Describe the routes of medication administration.
11. Apply the nursing process as it relates to medication administration.
12. Identify various classes of medications used to treat specific disorders/illness.
13. Identify complementary, Indigenous, and alternative therapies.

Required Materials:

- **Pharmacology for Nurses: A Pathophysiological Approach**, Canadian Edition (2010) by Adams, Holland et al. Pearson: Prentice Hall
- **Davis's Canadian Drug Guide for Nurses**, 15th Edition (2017). F. A. Davis
- Additional course readings may be provided by the instructor at the onset of the course.

Course Content and Schedule:

Please see Semester Calendar for specific date

Class 1 - Nursing and Pharmacology

Class 2 - Math calculations

Class 3 - Principles of Pharmacology

Class 4 - Exam #1

Class 5 - Drug Classifications

Class 6 - Principles of Medication Administration

Class 7 - Safe Medication Practices

Class 8 – Exam #2

Class 9 - Nursing Process & Medication

Class 10 - Complementary, Indigenous & Alternative Remedies

Class 11 – Course Content Review

Class 12 – Final Exam

Evaluation Criteria:

Note: learners must achieve an 80% average overall on the theory portion of pharmacology to pass the course

Criterion	% Grading
Exam #1	25%
Exam #2	25%
Final Exam	30%
Math Calculation Exam	Competent/Not competent
Medication Cards	10%
Medication Compliance Project & Self Reflection	10%

Grading System

Additional information regarding grading policies at Camosun College can be found at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/policies.php>

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College Calendar, Student Services or the College web site at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca>

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, Registration, and on the College web site in the Policy Section. <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html#academic>