

# VNRS 162: PHARMACOLOGY II

## Citrus College Course Outline of Record

Heading	Value
Effective Term:	Fall 2023
Credits:	1
Total Contact Hours:	18
Lecture Hours :	18
Lab Hours:	0
Hours Arranged:	0
Outside of Class Hours:	36
Prerequisite:	VNRS 152.
Transferable to CSU:	No
Transferable to UC:	No
Grading Method:	Standard Letter

## Catalog Course Description

Fundamental principles of drug action, the application of specific drugs in the treatment of disease, and the appropriate nursing actions to maximize the desired outcome of therapy. 18 lecture hours.

## Course Objectives

- Demonstrate knowledge of expected therapeutic outcomes and adverse reactions to drug therapy for the drug classifications: gastrointestinal, musculoskeletal, antibiotics, sedatives, hypnotics and those for skin disorders.
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of dosage computation
- Demonstrate safe administration of medications using the "3 checks" and the "5 Rights of Medication Administration".
- Define safe, ethical and legal principles of drug administration in compliance with the California Nurse Practice Act.

## Major Course Content

1. Drugs and Factors Affecting Their Actions
2. Autonomic Nervous System
3. Principles and Methods of Drug Administration
4. Analgesics and Antipyretics
5. Anti-Inflammatory Drugs
6. Antacids
7. Antispasmodics
8. Sedatives and Hypnotics
9. Vitamins, Minerals and Other Nutritional Agents
10. Drugs Used for the Treatment of Skin Disorders
11. Drug Abuse

## Suggested Reading Other Than Required Textbook

Kaplan computer software and reading materials

## Examples of Required Writing Assignments

Medication cards Client education plan for assigned medication

## Examples of Outside Assignments

Assigned nursing care plan for a client/case study client with a new diagnosis necessitating pharmacotherapy.

## Instruction Type(s)

Lecture, Online Education Lecture