

M: Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes:

In this course students will be introduced to Pharmacology and will use the Psychiatric Nursing Curricular Threads (wellness-illness continuum, professional values, professional caring and health care delivery system) to begin to understand the integration of care to the person.

N: Course Content:

An introduction to specific drugs that are used to manage chronic health variances.

Drug Classifications that will be covered are:

- Diabetic agents
- Psychotropics – (Depot meds)
 - Antipsychotics
 - Antidepressants
 - Antiparkinsonian
- OTCs
- Bronchodilators and Anti-inflammatory anti asthmatics
- Cardiovascular-antihypertensives, diuretics and anticoagulants
- Opioids and nonopioids analgesics
- Skill of filtering salient points “need to knows”
- Pharmacodynamics at beginning level

An introduction to the legalities of drug administration as it applies to the standards of practice for the psychiatric nurse.

Content to include – Narcotic and pharmacy Acts
 - Accountability & clinical judgement
 - Consent Re: Medications

Legalities ie. specific related acts

- Narcotic Act
- Pharmacy Act

Accountability

- Clinical judgment responsibility

Link

- Standards of Practice

Consent re Meds i.e., refusal

Voluntary/Involuntary Adm.

O: Methods of Instruction:

It is the intent of faculty to foster learning and promote critical thinking and integration through a variety of means, including lecture, demonstration, group discussion, case study analysis, audio-visual aids and group or individual presentations.

P: Textbooks and Materials to be Purchased by Students:

A list of required and optional textbooks and materials is provided for students at the beginning of each semester.

Q: Means of Assessment:

The course evaluation is consistent with Douglas College evaluation policy. An evaluation schedule is presented at the beginning of the course.

This is a graded course.

<p>R: Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition: specify whether course is open for PLAR</p> <p>Prior learning will be assessed on individual basis based on the Douglas College PLAR guidelines.</p>
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Course Designer(s)

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