

COURSE FACULTY

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COURSE CREDIT

3.0 credit hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Explore principles of pharmacology, drug prototypes used to treat alterations in body systems, and the nurse's role in administering drugs to clients across the lifespan.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Explain the historic development, terminology, and legal implications associated with pharmacology (I, IX).
2. Describe the pharmaceutical, pharmacokinetic, and pharmacodynamic phases of pharmacotherapeutics. (I, V).
3. Identify nursing implications for drug therapy to individuals across the lifespan (I, II)
4. Explain the classification, mechanism of action, adverse effects, and interactions of specific drugs (I, II, IV).
5. Identify specific teaching needs associated with drug therapy (I, II, IV)

*Roman Numerals indicate the program outcome to which the course objectives relate.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

Instructional methods will include, but are not limited to, reading assignments, Mediasite presentations, discussion boards, and other activities. This class is taught on-line and utilizes Blackboard software. You will need speakers and internet connection for this course.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Templar Smith, B. (2016). *Pharmacology for nurses*. Burlington, MA: Jones and Bartlett Learning

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF NURSING- RN TO BSN
NURSING 315: CONCEPTS IN PHARMACOLOGY
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GRADES

The class grade will be based on the following assignments:

Evaluation Methods
Discussion Board
Syllabus quiz
Quizzes

GRADING SCALE

Grade	Points	Percentage
A	194-215	90-100%
B	172-193	80-89.9%
C	151-171	70-79.9%
D	129-150	60-69.9%
F	Below 128	Below 59.9%

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Statement of Student Commitment. We are pleased that you have made the commitment to continue your nursing education. The didactic (lecture) courses in the RN to BSN program are delivered using an on-line delivery method with limited face-to-face meetings on WKU's main campus. You can expect to have similar time commitments for an on-line course as you would in a more traditional course that meets weekly in a classroom environment.

For example, for each 3-hour face-to-face course, there would be a 3-hour time commitment per week for attendance at class. This same timeframe should be allotted for on-line classes. This is when you could watch lectures, take quizzes, submit assignments, etc. As with a face-to-face class, there is also an additional commitment for working on assignments, reading, and doing other class preparation. You should expect this to be approximately 6-9 hours per week for a 3-hour course.

We are excited to have the opportunity to be a part of your RN to BSN program.

Students are expected to

- Adhere to the policies of the current School of Nursing (SON) Student Handbook, available on-line from the SON webpage.
- Be self-directed and responsible for learning.
- Notify the faculty within one week following the return of a grade if you have

questions about the grade.

- Seek technical assistance through the WKU IT Help at 270-745-7000 for questions related to blackboard that are not answered with on-line tutorials.
- Notify the instructor if you have technical issues with an exam.
- Adhere to all assignment deadlines.
- Use Firefox as your web browser for all exams in blackboard.
- Use Internet explorer for all other applications of blackboard.
- Consult with instructor during weekly office hours (by phone and/or web cam) if you have questions about class content or assignments.
- Complete all work individually without assistance from peers or others unless working on a group project.

Confidentiality Policy. Material presented is to be used only for purposes of this class. You must not allow any other person access to the Blackboard site for this class or information presented on Blackboard. No audio taping of any class material presented on-line is allowed. When posting information on Blackboard, you are not to use names of any individual or facility.

ASSIGNMENTS

Introduction discussion board. The purpose of the introduction discussion board is to allow the instructor and your classmates to get to know you. It will open on the first Monday of class at 8:00 a.m. and will close the following Monday at 11:00 pm.

Syllabus quiz

- The syllabus quiz is on-line and can be completed beginning one (1) week before the course opens
- It is mandatory
- It will need to be completed before you are allowed access to the course.

Quizzes

- Each quiz will be online.
- Only one attempt will be available for quizzes.
- All quizzes must be taken during scheduled time frame. There will be no make-up quizzes.

Online Testing Policy for RN to BSN Program

If a student goes over the time frame allotted for an on-line test, the following penalty will be instituted based on number of questions on test/quiz.

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Number of minutes allowed for test/quiz	Penalty
35-50 minutes	No penalty for the first 5 minutes over. For each additional 5 minutes over the student will be penalized 2 points.
16-34 minutes	No penalty for the first 3 minutes over. For each additional 3 minutes over, the student will be penalized 1 point.
15 or less minutes	No penalty for the first 1 minute over. For each additional minute, the student will be penalized 0.5 point

Please note: This penalty would be in addition to the penalty for late submission. If you go over the time limit due to encountering a problem during testing which results in you having to leave the test or quiz and return, please send you instructor an email at this time.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

It is expected that students complete all assignments in an honest/ethical manner. Without intellectual integrity, there can be no true learning. In taking exams, responding to discussion boards, completing papers or any other assignment, students are expected to perform honestly without sharing information/papers/etc. Certainly, sharing among your group on the group project is appropriate. All other assignments are to be completed independently. QUIZZES AND EXAMS ARE CLOSED BOOK.

To represent the ideas or interpretations taken from another source as one's own is plagiarism. Plagiarism is a serious offense. The academic work of a student must be their own, and must be original for this class. Students must give the author(s) credit for any source material used. See the APA manual for the proper methods for citation. To "borrow," "lift," or use content from a source, even if it is a website or friend's work, without quoting and giving appropriate credit is wrong. To present a borrowed passage as one's own, after changing a few words is also plagiarism. Plagiarism is unacceptable. If the student plagiarizes, the student will receive no points (zero points) for the assignment. **It is important to note that a grade of zero will be assigned to a work that indicates academic dishonesty and may result in failure of the course and/or dismissal from the program or university.**

The WKU SON Handbook discusses this issue further. It is expected that you read the handbook regarding academic dishonesty.

BLACKBOARD TUTORIALS

If you have questions regarding submitting assignments or any technical concerns, please review the tutorials available on Blackboard. These are excellent and guide you through the many functions of the software.

HELP DESK

If you have technical problems with blackboard, please contact the help desk. The number and hours are noted on Blackboard, 270-745-7000. The hours of operation should be checked as they may have changed. If you encounter a problem with an exam that results in the need for a test to be reset, you must contact me. You may call my cell phone between 7am and 9pm. If you are testing outside of those hours, please email me about your test computer problem.

LIBRARIAN

The library has a librarian for every department on campus. To schedule an appointment, call 745-6125 or e-mail web.reference@wku.edu, and you will be connected with the appropriate subject librarian.

DISABILITY STATEMENT

In compliance with university policy, students with disabilities who require academic and/or auxiliary accommodations for this course must contact the Office for Student Disability Services in Downing University Center, A-200. The phone number is 270-745-5004. Please DO NOT request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a letter of accommodation from the Office for Student Disability Services.

AFFIRMITIVE ACTION STATEMENT

Refer to student handbook.

This is a tentative syllabus. The final syllabus with weekly information will be posted in blackboard prior to the start of classes. Faculty reserve the right to make changes in the syllabus including adding or subtracting assignments or changing due dates. An updated syllabus will be posted on Blackboard if this occurs.