COURSE NUMBER
NUR 6318

COURSE TITLE
PHARMACOTHERAPEUTICS

CREDITS
Three Semester Credit Hours (3-0-0)
Online Class: Meets completely online using Blackboard

PREREQUISITE COURSES
None but must be of Graduate Status

CO-REQUISITES
None

PRE-REQUISITE SKILLS
Accessing internet web sites, use of ASU Library resources, and proficiency with Microsoft Word and/or PowerPoint are an expectation of on-line course delivery. Collaborative management programs such as PBwiki may be used for group projects. Computer access requirements are further delineated in the Graduate Handbook. Tutorials for ASU Library and for Blackboard are available through RamPort. The ASU Graduate Nursing Handbook should be reviewed before taking this course. [http://www.angelo.edu/content/files/18423-graduate-student-handbook-fall-2014](http://www.angelo.edu/content/files/18423-graduate-student-handbook-fall-2014)

COURSE DELIVERY
This is an online course offering. [http://blackboard.angelo.edu](http://blackboard.angelo.edu). For online classes, the level of academic rigor is parallel to that of a face-to-face section of the same course and is aligned with departmental standards. Students are advised to approach this course with the same commitment they would make to a face-to-face course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course focuses on the study of advanced pharmacologic principles of drug categories used by advanced practice nurses.
TOPIC OUTLINE

Foundations for professional practice
Drugs influencing the autonomic nervous system
Drugs influencing the central nervous system
Drugs influencing infectious diseases
Drugs influencing the immune system and inflammatory processes
Drugs influencing the respiratory system
Drugs influencing the integumentary system
Drugs influencing the cardiovascular and renal systems
Drugs influencing the hematology system
Drugs influencing the endocrine system
Drugs influencing the reproductive system
Drugs influencing the gastrointestinal system, eye and ear
Drug considerations in special populations and pain management

REQUIRED TEXTS AND MATERIALS


OPTIONAL RESOURCES:


Sanford Guide to Antimicrobial Therapy. Treatment recommendations for all types of infections, updated monthly with the latest information. Includes bug and drug information, spectra of activity, dosing tables, calculators, and more. (https://www.sanfordguide.com/products/digital-subscriptions/)

Tarrascon Pocket Pharmacopoeia (You can purchase for iphones/androids or you can purchase the classic pocket edition which is a small book you can carry around in your labcoat.)

Epocrates online or phone app (online; some apps may cost $)

Medscape online or phone app (online; some apps may cost $)

UpToDate app (online; some apps may cost $)
OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Computer with MAC or Windows Operating System
- High Speed Internet Access
- Webcam (Logitech highly recommended)
- Video recording capability (MAC or Windows Movie Maker, or camcorder)
- Audio recording device such as computer MP3 capability
- Logitech USB microphone headset
- Document scanner
- Ability to pdf documents. No faxed items, JPEG, or other formats will be accepted for scanned documents. PDF/Word is the acceptable format. Scanner is required.
- Refer to Angelo State University’s Distance Education website for further technology requirements: http://www.angelo.edu/distance_education/

MSN PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Upon program completion, the graduate will be prepared to:
1. Integrate nursing and related sciences into the delivery of advanced nursing care to diverse populations.
2. Apply organizational and systems leadership skills.
3. Design and implement quality improvement initiatives
4. Integrate best research evidence to improve health outcomes.
5. Utilize informatics, healthcare technology and information systems.
6. Advocate through system level policy development.
7. Employ effective communication in inter-professional teams
8. Synthesize the impact of health determinants for provision of culturally relevant health promotion/disease prevention strategies.
9. Practice at the level of a Master’s prepared nurse.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES for NURS 6318

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<td>By completing all course requirements, students will be able to:</td>
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<td>Analyze the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of broad categories of pharmacologic agents.</td>
<td>Bi-monthly competencies; Course reading; Discussion Board; Case study project; Weekly student case studies</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Integrate knowledge of chemistry, physiology, and pathophysiology to the pharmacotherapeutics of drugs as they impact specific disease processes.</td>
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<td>Assemble a comprehensive knowledge base of drug therapy into the holistic management of acute and chronic health problems of patients across the lifespan.</td>
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<td>Evaluate the impact of biologic, psychosocial, and economic factors on patient compliance to a pharmacological therapeutic regimen.</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Analyze the potential drug interactions of single and multiple drug regimens on patients health and disease processes to help improve practice processes and patient outcomes.</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Design patient-centered education for prescribed pharmacologic agents including: the drug's action, potential side effects or adverse reactions including (drug-drug and drug-food), and when the patient/family should seek medical attention.</td>
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7. Integrate safe, evidenced-based and therapeutic prescriptive practices by the advanced practice nurse into case studies and coursework.

| Bi-monthly competencies; Course reading; Discussion Board; Case study project; Prescriptive authority activity; | 2, 4, 9 | 4.5, 5.5, 9.4 | 1.1, 2.6, 3.1, 3.4, 4.6 |

**GRADING SYSTEM**

Course grades will be dependent upon completing course requirements and meeting the student learning outcomes.

The following grading scale is in use for didactic courses:

- A = 90-100 percent
- B = 80-89 percent
- C = 70-79 percent
- F = <70 percent

**TEACHING STRATEGIES**

- Assigned readings, asynchronous internet group discussion, case studies, Internet resources and written assignments.
- Students are expected to be “active learners.” It is a basic assumption of the instructor that students will be involved, **beyond the materials and lectures presented in the course**, discovering, processing, and applying the course information using peer-review journal articles, researching additional information and examples on the Internet, and discussing course material and clinical experiences with their peers.
- A Discussion Board is provided in Blackboard specifically for students (“Student Lounge”) to share websites, articles, apps, and clinical experiences relevant to the course topics.

**EVALUATION AND GRADES**

Graded activities and percent of the overall course grade:

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<td>700 (7 exams @ 100 each)</td>
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<td>Prescriptive authority activity</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Surveys (MidTerm &amp; IDEA final)</td>
<td>4 bonus points (2 surveys @ 2 each)</td>
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**ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTIONS**

*Please note: Rubrics and guidelines for all assignments are located on the NUR 6318 BB site under the sub-header “Guidelines/Rubrics” and then the respective titled assignment link. Rubrics are included at the end of this syllabus.*

**DISCUSSION BOARD**

There is an “Introduce yourself” discussion board in Week 1 that is non-graded. There are additional 7 graded discussion boards in this course. A portion of your course grade (32%) is based on your participation in discussions with your classmates and instructor. The DB guidelines and grading rubric, found on BB, are intended to help you achieve the grade you desire for the discussion board portion of your course grade.

Discussion Board posts should demonstrate substance and contribute to the understanding and application of ideas by:

- **Reflection about meaning:** Describes thoughtfully what something means or new insight it provides, or raises a question as a seed for clarification or further discussion.
- **Analysis:** Discuss relevant themes, concepts, main ideas, components or relationships among ideas. Or, identify hidden assumptions or fallacies in reasoning.
- **Elaboration:** Builds on ideas of others found in the readings by adding details, examples, a different viewpoint, or other relevant information and references.
- **Application:** Provides examples of how principles or concepts can be applied to actual situations, or discusses the implications of theory for practice.
- **Synthesis:** Integrates multiple views to provide a summary, a new perspective, or a creative refashioning of ideas.
- **Evaluation:** Assess the accuracy, reasonableness, or quality of ideas.

**COMPETENCY QUizzes**

Unit quizzes (competencies) are scheduled throughout the semester to test understanding of the course material. Each quiz is timed and must be completed within the allotted time frame (posted with each quiz). You may use your textbook along with additional resources, just as one would use them while in the practice setting. The use of resources, though, should be limited to allow for completion of the quizzes within the allotted time. The competency schedule is located on the Course Schedule/Calendar. There is no mid-term or final in this course. Collaboration with other students is UNACCEPTABLE for exams.

**CASE STUDY PROJECT**

This project allows the student to find a case study, or utilize an actual patient they have had contact with, to analyze and discuss the patient’s pharmacological management. Focus will be made on analyzing the patient’s medications specific to
the patient’s medical history. Attention will be discussed regarding if the patient’s pharmacotherapeutic regimen is safe, efficient, and evidence-based. The student will then design a patient-centered education based on the patient's current medications to include drug(s) action, potential side effects, adverse reactions, and when the patient/family should seek medical attention. Specific details about this assignment are found in BB under the respective link in the instructions and grading rubric.

**BON PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY ACTIVITY**

The purpose of this activity is to get the student familiar with where to find information on APRN prescriptive authority in the state of Texas and have a basic understanding of the content. The student will answer a series of questions with discussion surrounding the regulation of prescriptive authority for the APRN in Texas.

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**GENERAL POLICIES RELATED TO THIS COURSE**

All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in the following documents:

- ASU Graduate Catalog located on the ASU website https://www.angelo.edu/catalogs/
- University *Graduate Nursing Handbook*, located on the Nursing website http://www.angelo.edu/content/files/18423-graduate-student-handbook-fall-2014
- Preceptor and Student Orientation Handbook, located on the ASU Website http://www.angelo.edu/content/files/21361-msn-fnp-preceptor-student-orientation-handbook--

**COLLABORATIVE WORK**

Each student must turn in his or her own written work which reflects his or her own individual analysis and understanding of the material. Because this is a graduate course, the students will be assumed to have sufficient motivation and maturity to come to their own understanding of the material without a strict working-alone policy. **Collaboration is unacceptable for exams.**

**TIME ZONE**

ASU and this faculty are on Central Standard Time (CST). All due dates and times in this syllabus are CST

**IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY DATES**

See Academic Calendar at: http://www.angelo.edu/services/registrars_office/academic_calendar.php

First Day of Class: August 26  
Labor Day: September 2  
Last Day to Drop a Class or Withdraw from the University: November 1  
Holiday: November 27,28  
Fall Semester ends: December 14  
Final Exams Week: December 10-14  
Commencement: December 13

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY & ATTENDANCE**
Full participation in the course is a professional expectation and required for successful and satisfactory completion of all course objectives. Online classroom attendance is evidenced by timely participation in the discussion assignments and other assigned activities. Failure to contribute in a timely fashion to any weekly discussion is considered an absence, could result in an evaluation of the student's ability to meet course objectives, and may result in failure of the course.

You are expected to check the course site at least 3 days per week to attend discussion forums and to check for announcements. The weeks begin on Monday and postings will be accepted until Saturday at midnight. Class participation is evaluated on the quantity and quality of student interaction with assigned activities. Students who anticipate an inability to meet a deadline or participate in a scheduled online activity should contact the instructor immediately. In the event that a student must miss class, he/she should contact the instructor prior to or as soon after the absence to coordinate assignments. It is recommended that the student study daily and spend a minimum of 6-9 hours per week working on a 3-credit hour course.

Students should check their email at least daily.
ASU email addresses are REQUIRED. No other email addresses will be acceptable.

COMMUNICATION
Faculty will respond to email and/or telephone messages within 24 hours during working hours Monday through Friday. Weekend messages may not be returned until Monday. This is instructor’s preferred method of contact is via email.

Written communication via Blackboard: It is an expectation of this class that you use formal writing skills giving appropriate credit to the source for your ideas. Follow APA (2010) 6th edition (2nd Printing or higher only) guidelines for referencing.

Written communication via email: All private communication will be done exclusively through ASU email addresses. Please check your ASU email daily for announcements and policy changes. The ASU Help Desk (800-942-2911 or 325-942-2911) can help you get your ASU email on your cell phone to assist with this essential communication.

Virtual communication: Office hours and/or advising may be done with the assistance of the telephone, Skype, Join.me, Google Hangouts, etc.

Use Good "Netiquette":
• Check the discussion frequently and respond appropriately and on subject.
• Focus on one subject per message and use pertinent subject titles.
• Capitalize words only to highlight a point or for titles. Otherwise, capitalizing is generally viewed as SHOUTING!
• Be professional and careful with your online interaction. Proper address for faculty is by formal title such as Dr. or Ms./Mr. Jones unless invited by faculty to use a less formal approach.
• Cite all quotes, references, and sources.
• When posting a long message, it is generally considered courteous to warn readers at the beginning of the message that it is a lengthy post.
• It is extremely rude to forward someone else's messages without their permission.
• It is fine to use humor, but use it carefully. The absence of face-to-face cues can cause humor to be misinterpreted as criticism or flaming (angry, antagonistic criticism).
• Avoid strong or offensive language
• Ask for clarification. Don’t sit in silence either misunderstanding or feeling offended. A simple way to clarify is “I did not understand your post”
• Avoid sarcasm
• Avoid characters like smiley faces ;) 😊 and instant messaging abbreviations (LOL, ROFL)

(The above "netiquette" guidelines were adapted from Arlene H. Rinald's article, The Net User Guidelines and Netiquette, Florida Atlantic University, 1994, available from Netcom.)

LATE WORK OR MISSED ASSESSMENTS POLICY
This course is set up on weekly modules. The week begins on Monday and ends on Saturday. Assignment due dates are shown on the calendar/schedule or posted within Blackboard and the Weekly Modules. **Late assignments are not accepted without prior approval of faculty.** Faculty reserve the right to deduct points for late assignments that are accepted past the original due date. The instructor also maintains the right of refusal to accept severely and/or continuously late assignments.

ASSESSMENT/ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION

In this class, all “where to” submit assignments can be found in the weekly modules. Due dates of assignments can also be found on the course calendar. In this class, any designated assessments/assignments need to be submitted through the “Submit Assignments Here” link in the Blackboard course site. This is for grading purposes. Issues with technology use arise from time to time. If a technology issue does occur regarding an assessment submission, email your Course Faculty and attach a copy of what you are trying to submit. This lets your faculty know you completed the assessment on time and are just having problems with the online submission feature in Blackboard. Once the problem is resolved, submit your assessment through the appropriate link. This process will document the problem and establish a timeline. Be sure to keep a backup of all work.

BROWSER COMPATIBILITY CHECK
It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that the browser used to access course material on his/her computer is compatible with ASU’s Blackboard Learning System. The faculty reserve the right to deny additional access to course assignments lost due to compatibility issues. Students are responsible for reviewing the guidelines posted in this course regarding accessing Blackboard assignments. Problems in this area need to be discussed with faculty at the time of occurrence, either via a phone call (preferred) during posted acceptable hours for calling, or via email notification during times outside those posted for calls. Be sure to perform a browser test. Select the “Technology Support” tab from the Blackboard homepage: blackboard.angelo.edu Select “Browser Test” option. Please see technical requirements for MSN classes at this link: [http://www.angelo.edu/dept/nursing/student_resources/computer_requirements.php](http://www.angelo.edu/dept/nursing/student_resources/computer_requirements.php)

TECHNICAL SUPPORT
Helpdesk: 325-942-2911 or helpdesk@angelo.edu

ACADEMIC HONESTY
Academic honesty is expected on all work. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their online experiences. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

The University "faculty expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach and to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experience both in and out of the classroom setting and may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials."

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism at ASU is a serious topic. The Angelo State University’s Honor Code gives specific details on plagiarism and what it encompasses. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else's work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one's own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word for word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. We use the APA Style Manual of the American Psychological Association as a guide for all writing assignments. Quotes should be used sparingly. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list. Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality via Bb Safe Assignment or Turnitin. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center http://www.angelo.edu/dept/writing_center/academic_honesty.php.

Title IX at Angelo State University:

Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Boone, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: www.angelo.edu/incident-form
Face to Face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
Phone: 325-942-2022
E-Mail: michelle.boone@angelo.edu
Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State’s policy please visit: www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES

ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website at www.angelo.edu/ADA. The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is: Ms. Dallas Swafford  Director of Student Disability Services 325-942-2047  dallas.swafford@angelo.edu  Houston Harte University Center 112

INCOMPLETE GRADE POLICY (OP 10.11 Grading Procedures)

It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required.

STUDENT ABSENCE FOR OBSERVANCE OF RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS

“A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence.” Please see ASU Operating Policy 10.19.

COPYRIGHT POLICY

Students officially enrolled in this course should make only one printed copy of the given articles and/or chapters. You are expressly prohibited from distributing or reproducing any portion of course readings in printed or electronic form without written permission from the copyright holders or publishers.

SYLLABUS CHANGES

The faculty member reserves the option to make changes as necessary to this syllabus and the course content. If changes become necessary during this course, the faculty will notify students of such changes by email,
course announcements and/or via a discussion board announcement. It is the student’s responsibility to look for such communications about the course on a daily basis.

WEBLINKS:
- Board of Nursing for the State of Texas http://www.bne.state.tx.us
- MSN Graduate Student Resources http://www.angelo.edu/dept/nursing/student_resources/grad_info.php
- NONPF Competencies http://www.nonpf.org/?page=14
- Campaign for Action (The Future of Nursing) http://campaignforaction.org/
- National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) HTTPS://WWW.NIH.GOV/ABOUT-NIH/WHAT-WE-DO/NATIONAL-INSTITUTE-NURSING-RESEARCH-NINR

COURSE EVALUATION

Students are provided the opportunity, and are strongly encouraged to participate in a course evaluation at the end of the semester. Areas on the IDEA evaluation include:

1. Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions)
2. Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course

PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY RUBRIC

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**DISCUSSION BOARD RUBRIC (100 possible points per DB)**

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<td>Frequency</td>
<td>Participates 3 times throughout the week on 3 separate days. Cites</td>
<td>Participates 2 times: postings must be distributed</td>
<td>Participates 1-2 times during the week on the same day.</td>
<td>Participates not at all, or posts after deadline</td>
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<td>Initial Assignment Posting</td>
<td>Posts well developed &amp; referenced assignment that fully addresses and develops all aspects of the task. First post by Tuesday 5pm</td>
<td>Posts well developed assignment that addresses all aspects of the task; lacks full development of concepts.</td>
<td>Posts adequate assignment with superficial thought and preparation; doesn’t address all aspects of the task.</td>
<td>Posts no assignment.</td>
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<td>Follow-Up Postings</td>
<td>Demonstrates analysis of others’ posts; extends meaningful discussion by building on previous posts.</td>
<td>Elaborates on an existing posting with further comment or observation.</td>
<td>Posts shallow contribution to discussion (e.g., agrees or disagrees); does not enrich discussion.</td>
<td>Posts no follow-up responses to others.</td>
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<td>Content Contribution</td>
<td>Post factually correct, reflective and substantive contribution; advances discussion.</td>
<td>Post information that is factually correct; task full development of concept or thought.</td>
<td>Repeats but does not add substantive information to the discussion.</td>
<td>Post information that is off-topic, incorrect, or irrelevant to discussion.</td>
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<td>References &amp; Support</td>
<td>Uses &gt;3 separate resources/citations from professional and/or peer-reviewed literature to support comments.</td>
<td>Incorporates 1-2 separate resources/citations from professional and/or peer-reviewed literature to support comments.</td>
<td>Uses personal experience, but no references to readings or research.</td>
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### Information Technology and Pharm
- The electronic health record
- Clinical decision support systems
- Patient safety
- Medication reconciliation
- Patient privacy
- Patient education
- Quality improvement

### Pharmacoeconomics
- Pharmacoeconomic studies
- Impact of generic drugs on drug therapy
- Applying pharmacoeconomics to practice

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Reading Assignment:  
CH 14 – Drugs Affecting the Autonomic Nervous System  
BON APRN prescriptive authority assignment due  
Discussion Board | Work through weekly case studies on Blackboard | |
| 4 | 9/16-9/21 | Central Nervous System | WEEKLY MODULE 4  
Reading Assignment:  
CH 15 – Drugs Affecting the Central Nervous System  
CH 29 – Anxiety and Depression  
CH 35 – Headaches  
Discussion Board  
Competency 2 | Work through weekly case studies on Blackboard | |

First post by 9-10, 2359. Closes 9-14, 2359.

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| 5    | 9/23-9/28  | Infectious Diseases  
Antibiotics  
Antimicrobial Resistance  
Antibiotics  
Antivirals  
Antifungals  
Anthelmintics  
Metronidazole, Nitazoxanide, & Tinidazole  
UTI's | WEEKLY MODULE 5 | Reading Assignment:  
CH 24 – Drugs Used in Treating Infectious Diseases  
CH 47 – Urinary Tract Infections | Discussion Board |  | Work through weekly case studies on Blackboard |
| 6    | 09/30-10/5 | Immune & Inflammatory Processes  
Immunizations  
Attenuated vaccines  
Influenza  
MMR  
MMRV  
Polio  
Rotavirus  
Varicella  
Zoster  
Inactivated vaccines  
DTP  
Hepatitis B  
Antigout and uricosuric agents  
Corticosteroids  
NSAIDS  
Aspirin and nonacetylated salicylates  
Rheumatoid arthritis  
Adrenal Insufficiency | WEEKLY MODULE 6 | Reading Assignment:  
CH 19 – Drugs Affecting the Immune System  
(pgs 447-465 stop at oral typhoid vaccine;  
pg 471 start inactivated vaccines-473 stop at haemophilus B conjugate vaccine;  
pg 474 start Hepatitis B Virus Vaccine – 482 stop at lyme disease vaccine)  
CH 25 – Drugs Used in Treating Inflammatory Processes  
Complete MidTerm survey for 5 points (dates TBD)  
Competency 3 |  | Work through weekly case studies on Blackboard |
| 7    | 10/7-10/12 | Respiratory  
Bronchodilators  
Respiratory inhalants  
Allergy medications  
Cough and cold medications  
Asthma  
COPD  
Pneumonia  
Upper respiratory infections  
Viral URI  
Sinusitis | WEEKLY MODULE 7 | Reading Assignment:  
CH 17 – Drugs Affecting the Respiratory System  
CH 30- Asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease  
CH 42 – Pneumonia  
CH 46 – Upper Respiratory Infections, Otitis Media, and Otitis Externa (read pages 1253-1259 up to Otitis media) |  | Work through weekly case studies on Blackboard |
| 8    | 10/14-10/19 | Integumentary  
Topical anti-infectives | WEEKLY MODULE 8 | Reading Assignment:  |  |  |
### Agents to treat acne
- Topical corticosteroids
- Topical immunomodulators
- Topical antipsoriasis agents
- Topical antiseborrheic meds
- Topical antihistamines and antipruritics
- Moisturizers, emollients, and lubricants
- Agents used in treatment of burns
- Scabicides and pediculicides
- Cauterizing and destructive agents
- Keratolytics
- Topical anesthetics
- Dermatitis Psoriasis Acne

### CH 23 – Drugs Affecting the Integumentary System
- (647 - 686 stop at minoxidil)
- CH 32 – Dermatological Conditions (957-987 stop at alopecia)

### Competency 4
- Work through weekly case studies on Blackboard

### Cardiovascular Renal
- ACE inhibitors
- Angiotensin II receptor blockers
- Direct renin inhibitors
- Calcium channel blockers
- Cardiac glycosides
- Antiarrhythmics
- Nitrates
- Peripheral vasodilators
- Antilipidemics
- Diuretics
- Angina

### WEEKLY MODULE 9
- Reading Assignment:
  - CH 16 – Drugs Affecting the Cardiovascular and Renal Systems
  - CH 28 – Chronic Stable Angina and Low-Risk
  - Unstable Angina
- Complete MidTerm survey for bonus points
- Get a jump on next week’s reading
- Work through weekly case studies on Blackboard

### Cardiovascular Renal
- Heart Failure
- Lipids
- Hypertension

### WEEKLY MODULE 10
- Reading Assignment:
  - CH 36 – Heart Failure
  - CH 39 – Hyperlipidemia
  - CH 40 – Hypertension
- Discussion Board
- Work through weekly case studies on Blackboard

### Hematology
- Hematopoietic System
- Anticoagulants and antiplatelets
- Hematopoietic growth factors
- Iron preparations
- Folic acid
- Vitamin B12
- Anemia

### WEEKLY MODULE 11
- Reading Assignment:
  - CH 18 – Drugs Affecting the Hematopoietic System
  - CH 27 – Anemia
- Competency 5
- Work through weekly case studies on Blackboard

### Endocrine
- Endocrine pancreatic hormones (insulin)
- Oral diabetic agents
- Thyroid agents
- Antithyroid agents

### WEEKLY MODULE 12
- Reading Assignment:
  - CH 21 – Drugs Affecting the Endocrine System
  - (Start reading pg 556 at Endocrine pancreatic hormones (insulin) – pg 609 stop at aromatase

### Competency 5
- Work through weekly case studies on Blackboard

### OPENS 10/18
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### 10/21-10/26
### Cardiovascular Renal

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### 10/28-11/2
### Cardiovascular Renal

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### 11/4-11/09
### Hematology

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