

**ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**



**NUR 4971  
Pharmacology Review**

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Department of Nursing

**Course:** NUR 4971 Pharmacology Review

**Course Title:** Pharmacology Review

**Credit Hours:** One Semester Hour

**Contact Hours:** 2-3 Clock Hours Per Week

**Placement:** Upper Level Nursing

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**Course Description:**

Prerequisite: Departmental permission.

**Catalog Description:**

Prerequisite: Admission to upper division nursing

One hour credit course that reviews basic pharmacology, medication administration and drug calculations utilizing dimensional analysis.

**Justification/Rationale for NUR 4971:**

**Relationship to Student Learning Outcomes:**

By the completion of this course, the learner progresses toward student learning outcomes, (one-five).

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Define common related terms, list important historical events in the field of pharmacology, and discuss significant drug legislation that guides nursing practice and protect individuals receiving medications.
2. Discuss the process through which a drug must go as it is being developed and tested for human safety and define the role of the nurse in experimental drug studies.
3. Describe the three phases of drug activity in the body: the pharmaceutical phase, the pharmacokinetic phase, and the pharmatherapeutic phase.
4. Identify various types of responses that individuals may have to drugs and the eight factors that influence these responses.

5. Describe the steps used in the dimensional analysis approach to problem solving.
6. Identify the appropriate conversion factors needed to solve specific drug calculation problems.
7. Set up dosage calculations using the dimensional analysis method.
8. Solve intravenous infusion problems using dimensional analysis.

**Relationship to General Objectives:**

This upper division professional nursing course provides opportunities for the student to integrate knowledge and skills from the general education component with nursing theories and concepts. The course serves as a review that integrates all general education outcomes with the Department of Nursing outcomes.

**Teacher Roles:**

Evaluator, Facilitator, Resource Person and Supporter.

**Student Roles:**

Learner, Communicator and Researcher.

**Textbook information:** There are no required textbooks for this course. Online content through EDGT (Education Global Technologies, Inc). is utilized and can be accessed from any computer).

**Attendance Policy:**

This is a self-directed course utilizing online resources. The student will work at their own pace and meet all course requirements by the posted deadline. The class will not have a designated meeting time.

**Evaluation:**

Weekly Quiz..... 50%  
 Final Exam .....25%  
 Completed Modules.....25%

A grade of "I" may be recorded for a student whose work is incomplete due to circumstances beyond the student's control. The student must take responsibility for removal of the incomplete grade according to the Arkansas Tech University's catalog requirements.

**Module Assignment:**

The EDGT (Education Global Technologies, Inc.) *Basic of Pharmacology* and *Math Magic for Meds II* can be accessed by the student once enrolled in the course and the access code is provided by the instructor. You must complete Modules I-IV and take the four unit test found in Module V for each program. Your score for each exam must be **80% or higher** to be considered complete. You can take the test as many times as necessary to achieve the passing score.

**Take a screen shot of the results page when you are finished with the assignments and email that to cellislafoon@atu.edu.**

All students are expected to enroll in Blackboard on the first day of class each semester for further instructions.

## **Policies**

- a. The student is expected to conduct himself/herself in a professional manner during the independent study activities.
- b. Students are expected to:
  - 1) Present written work which is theirs alone.
  - 2) Students are reminded of the signed honesty statement and are expected to:
    - a. correctly document any materials from a textbook, pamphlet, journal, etc. that is used for an assignment.
    - b. only use authorized devices or materials for an examination and no copying from other students papers.
    - c. students caught cheating (including plagiarism) will receive a zero for the assignment and can be removed from the course with a recorded grade of D. Punishment will be determined by the Level IV faculty.

*Note: Plagiarism is defined as stealing and presenting, as one's own, ideas or words of another, or not documenting material correctly.*

## **Conduct of the Course**

### **Guidelines:**

#### Criteria for Credit

It is expected that each student will spend 2-3 hours per week on the scheduled assignments.

### **Discrimination Statement:**

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