



Ferris State University
College of Health Professions
School of Nursing
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program

Pre-licensure Track
NURS 360: Nursing Pharmacology

Course Description

This course is an introduction to drug and herbal therapies in the treatment and prevention of illness across diverse populations and the lifespan. Students will be introduced to the major drug classifications and specific medicinal agents in relation to pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, therapeutic uses, adverse reactions, precautions, and related nursing considerations.

Credit hours: 3 (3+0)

Prerequisites: Completed NURS 260, 261, 262, and 264

Corequisites: NURS 361, 362, 363

Course Outcomes

1. Describe nurse's role in the therapeutic use of drug therapy for patients with complex health needs. (Collaborative Leadership)
2. Identify special considerations for diverse patient populations in relation to drug therapy and health care policy. (Generalist Nursing Practice)
3. Recognize the importance of using most current and evidence-based resources in the determination of nursing interventions related to drug therapy. (Scholarship for Practice)
4. Identify the legal/ethical responsibilities of the nurse in providing safe drug therapy. (Professionalism)

Instructional Delivery Method & Schedule

This didactic course is offered in a mixed delivery format, meeting once per week, with some coursework also completed online. Class time/location: TBA

Required Course Materials

Lilley, L.L., Collins, S.R., & Snyder, J.S. (2016). *Pharmacology and the nursing process (8th ed.)*. St. Louis, MO: Elsevier.

Shadow Health Pharmacology Digital Clinical Experience

Course Learning Activities & Assessment Methods

Testing Policy:

This course adheres to the BSN Testing Policy. This policy is in place to ensure the student will be prepared to take the NCLEX exam. Thus, the student must earn an average score of 79% on the objective testing category in order to pass the course. If the average testing score is less than 79% (without rounding) the course grade will be based on the testing score only; no assignment, quizzes, in-class participation, or extra credit points will be awarded.

If you meet this requirement, then your grade will be based on the following criteria:

Assignment	Course Outcome(s) Assessed	Percent of Total Grade	Due Date
4 Tests	5	40%	See course schedule
Final Exam	5	30%	
Shadow Health DCE (see breakdown of assignments)	1, 2, 4	7.5%	
Participation	1, 2, 3, 4	10%	
Drug History Assignment	1, 2, 3, 4	7.5%	
Kaplan Standardized Test & Remediation	5	5%	

School of Nursing Grading Scale

A	95-100	C	75-78
A-	92-94	C-	72-74
B+	89-91	D+	69-71
B	85-88	D	65-68
B-	82-84	D-	62-64
C+	79-81	F	61 and below

Course Policies

Students are referred to the College of Health Professions for standard academic policies established by Ferris State University. Please review the policies pertaining to: Academic misconduct, probation, and dismissal; disruptive behavior, and attendance.

<http://ferris.edu/HTMLS/colleges/alliedhe/faq/Policies-Resources-Faculty-Staff-Students.htm>

Students are referred to the *Handbook for Pre-Licensure Nursing Students* for academic policies established by the School of Nursing. Please review the policies covered in the General Information and Academic Policies for nursing sections.

<https://ferris.edu/HTMLS/colleges/alliedhe/Nursing/BSN/bsn-student-policies.htm>

Students are referred to the Code of Conduct:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/colleges/alliedhe/Nursing/pdfs-docs/Nursing-Student-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

Test Taking Rules: Tests will be in a computer lab. There will be approximately 90 seconds allotted per question on tests and exams. No student questions will be answered during the test. Students may not leave their seats until they have completed the exam. If a student is absent for an exam, a make-up exam will be considered IF prior arrangements were made with the instructor (see accepted absence reasons outlined in the student handbook); a **26% grade reduction** may be applied prior to the beginning of a make-up exam.

Electronic unit and final exams will close immediately following student submission of the exam. Scores will not be available until the exam has been analyzed as outlined in the SON testing policy. Analysis may take up to three (3) days.

Accountability: Students are expected to keep track of due dates and assignments. Course faculty will notify students if there is a problem with a submitted assignment but will not generally contact students who have not submitted assigned work as it is the expectation that students are accountable for course work.

Communication: Students are expected to check email and the course website every 48 hours at minimum during the semester. Students should also respond to emails or course messages from faculty or other students within 48-72 hours. Course faculty strive to answer all emails/course

messages within 48 hours. If you have not received a response within that time frame, you may email again. Please use Ferris email for communication rather than course messages for any urgent communication.