



**I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course continues to explore concepts of pharmacology as selected drug groups are studied. The course will emphasize the role and responsibilities of the practical nurse in the administration and monitoring of client medications.

**II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Explain the action and interaction of selected drug classifications/ pharmaceutical preparations and the impact on nursing care.

Potential Elements of the Performance:

- discuss relevant information related to administering medications for each of the drug classifications
- explain safe practices in administering and monitoring medications following the Standards from the College of Nurses of Ontario
- formulate relevant health teaching related to medication administration

**III. TOPICS:**

1. Drugs Affecting Genitourinary System
  - diuretics
  - anticholinergics
  - antibiotics
  - antispasmodics
2. Drugs Affecting the Reproductive system
  - sex hormones
  - abortifacients
3. Drugs Affecting the Neuromusculoskeletal System
  - anticonvulsants
  - CNS stimulants
  - osmotic diuretics
  - calcium enhancers
  - antiparkinson agents
  - cholinesterase inhibitors
  - skeletal muscle relaxants
  - nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
  - antigout agents
  - ophthalmic agents

4. Drugs Affecting the Endocrine System
  - antidiabetic agents
  - thyroid enhancers
  - thyroid inhibitors
  - antidiuretic hormones
  - adrenocorticosteroids
  - parathyroids
5. Psychotherapeutic Drugs
  - antipsychotics
  - anxiolytics
  - antidepressants
  - hypnotics
  - mood stabilizers
6. Drugs Used in Treatments of Cancer
  - antineoplastics
7. Drugs Affecting the Immune System
  - agents that provide active or passive immunity
  - immunosuppressants
8. Complimentary Medicine
  - natural or herbal products
  - interaction of pharmacologic agents and natural products

**IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:**

Same texts as PNG231

**V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:**

1. Pass mark for this course is 60%
2. Evaluation Methods:
  - Tests (4x 25% each) 100%
3. There are no supplemental tests/rewrites in this course

The following semester grades will be assigned to students in post-secondary courses:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point Equivalent</u>
A+	90 – 100%	4.00
A	80 – 89%	
B	70 - 79%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
D	50 – 59%	1.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
X	A temporary grade limited to situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course.	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.	
W	Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.	

**Note:** For such reasons as program certification or program articulation, certain courses require minimums of greater than 50% and/or have mandatory components to achieve a passing grade.

It is also important to note, that the minimum overall GPA required in order to graduate from a Sault College program remains 2.0.

## VI. SPECIAL NOTES:

### Special Needs:

If you are a student with special needs (e.g. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, or learning disabilities), you are encouraged to discuss required accommodations with your professor and/or the Special Needs office. Visit Room E1101 or call Extension 2703 so that support services can be arranged for you.

### Retention of Course Outlines:

It is the responsibility of the student to retain all course outlines for possible future use in acquiring advanced standing at other post-secondary institutions.

Communication:

The College considers **WebCT/LMS** as the primary channel of communication for each course. Regularly checking this software platform is critical as it will keep you directly connected with faculty and current course information. Success in this course may be directly related to your willingness to take advantage of the **Learning Management System** communication tool.

Plagiarism:

Students should refer to the definition of “academic dishonesty” in *Student Code of Conduct*. Students who engage in “academic dishonesty” will receive an automatic failure for that submission and/or such other penalty, up to and including expulsion from the course/program, as may be decided by the professor/dean. In order to protect students from inadvertent plagiarism, to protect the copyright of the material referenced, and to credit the author of the material, it is the policy of the department to employ a documentation format for referencing source material.

Course Outline Amendments:

The professor reserves the right to change the information contained in this course outline depending on the needs of the learner and the availability of resources.

Substitute course information is available in the Registrar's office.

**VII. PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT:**

Students who wish to apply for advanced credit in the course should consult the professor. Credit for prior learning will be given upon successful completion of a challenge exam or portfolio.

**VIII. DIRECT CREDIT TRANSFERS:**

Students who wish to apply for direct credit transfer (advanced standing) should obtain a direct credit transfer form from the Chair's secretary. Students will be required to provide a transcript and course outline related to the course in question.