



Course Information

Course Title	Essentials of Medication Administration
Course Prefix, Num. and Title	VNSG1327: Essentials of Medication Administration
Division	Allied Health
Department	Vocational Nursing
Course Type	WECM Course
Course Catalog Description	General principles of medication administration including determination of dosage, preparation, safe administration, and documentation of multiple forms of drugs. Instruction includes various systems of measurement.
Pre-Requisites	Admission into the program
Co-Requisites	Enter Co-Requisites Here.

Semester Credit Hours

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): Lecture Hours:	3:3:0
Lab/Other Hours	
Equated Pay Hours	3
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Lab Hours	0
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Clinical Hours	0
Lab/Other Hours Breakdown: Practicum Hours	0
Other Hours Breakdown	0

Approval Signatures

Title	Signature	Date
Prepared by:		
Department Head:		
Division Chair:		
Dean/VPI:		
Approved by CIR:		

Additional Course Information

Topical Outline: Each offering of this course must include the following topics (be sure to include information regarding lab, practicum, and clinical or other non-lecture instruction).

Introduction to basic principles of pharmacology

Safe and accurate calculation of oral, parenteral, weight-based dosages, intravenous medications using various systems of measurement

Safe administration of medication

Accurate documentation of medication administration

Course Learning Outcomes:

Learning Outcomes – Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

Demonstrate accurate dosage calculations

Demonstrate safe medication administration

Accurately document medication administration

Methods of Assessment:

Unit examinations

Return demonstration of safe medication administration

Required text(s), optional text(s) and/or materials to be supplied by the student:

Required text: Dosage Calculations, 9th edition by Pickar; Davis's Drug Guide for Nurses, 16th edition

Student materials: simple calculator, pencil, paper, highlighter

Suggested Course Maximum:

45

List any specific or physical requirements beyond a typical classroom required to teach the course.

None

Course Requirements/Grading System: Describe any course specific requirements such as research papers or reading assignments and the generalized grading format for the course.

Students are expected to read assignments from textbooks and provided handouts before attending class and utilize correct medical terminology throughout the course. No late assignments are accepted.

Any unit examination taken at a time other than the scheduled time will have 10 points deducted from the grade. The student is responsible for initiating arrangements for late testing; failure to do so will result in a grade of zero (0). Late testing must be completed within one week of the original test date. Homework assignments will be accepted on due dates only unless student is absent and then must be submitted on return.

The average of unit examinations is 70% of the course grade, assignments are 5% of the grade, and the comprehensive final examination is 25% of the course grade. A student must have a 75 course grade to continue in the Vocational Nursing program.

A 90-100

B 80-89

C 75-79

F 74 and below

Curriculum Checklist:

- Administrative General Education Course** (from ACGM, but not in WCJC Core) – No additional documents needed.
- Administrative WCJC Core Course.** Attach the Core Curriculum Review Forms
 - Critical Thinking
 - Communication
 - Empirical & Quantitative Skills
 - Teamwork
 - Social Responsibility
 - Personal Responsibility
- WECM Course** -If needed, revise the Program SCANS Matrix and Competencies Checklist