

NURS70001 Applications of Clinical Pharmacology II

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: July, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 36 hours lectures Total Time Commitment: In addition to the subject contact hours, students are expected to devote approximately 6 hours a week to this subject.
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's courses. Students who think their disability will impact on meeting this requirement are encouraged to discuss this matter with the Course Coordinator and the Disability Liaison Unit.
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Subject Overview:	This subject has been primarily developed to address the endorsement requirements for nurses seeking to apply for nurse practitioner status through the Nurses Board of Victoria. The Pharmacology and Therapeutics subject, which is also required for nurse practitioner endorsement, predominantly focuses on the mechanisms of action of medications.
Objectives:	This subject extends students' knowledge of social, political and ethical principles of medication management, and allows the student to explore how these principles are applied in the advanced practice setting. The concepts of pain management, adverse drug reactions and medication use across the lifespan will be considered. Students will individualise the use of the clinical decision making process as the framework for gathering and organising medication information, planning, prescribing, administering, documenting and evaluation to suit their own practice needs. Students will extend their knowledge of the learning and teaching strategies for patient education and the government policies that are relevant to nurse prescribing. Commonwealth and State laws affecting the control of medication will also be applied to the advanced practice setting. Students will also address the socio-cultural and ethical issues that affect the relationship between the nurse practitioner and the patient, and will examine the style and required particulars for written prescriptions. Equipped with this knowledge, students will be expected to critically review the application of clinical pharmacology to their specific area of advanced practice.
Assessment:	3,000 word written assignment (50%) 2 hour written examination (50%) - Week 6

Prescribed Texts:	None
Recommended Texts:	A list of recommended readings will be provided upon commencement.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<p>On completion of this subject students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Demonstrate comprehensive written and oral skills necessary to critically analyse the conceptual underpinnings of medication management in the advanced practice setting. # Critically appraise and challenge medication management according to principles of clinical decision making; # Demonstrate applied knowledge of Commonwealth and State laws as a means for evidence based practice and health policy; # Use well developed problem solving and critical thinking skills in medication management for paediatric and geriatric populations; # Critically evaluate medication orders for patients in the advanced practice setting; # Demonstrate knowledge of applied pharmacology as a vehicle for research, evidence based practice and policy development in the advanced practice setting.
Links to further information:	http://www.nursing.unimelb.edu.au/