

NURS90012 Psychopharmacology

Credit Points:	12.5
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2016, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 36 hours lectures. Total Time Commitment: 170 hours
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 will provide students with the opportunity to expand their knowledge of medications used in psychiatry and to examine the role of the psychiatric nurse in psychopharmacological treatments. The subject allows students to develop clinical skills in relevant assessments and interventions for clients receiving psychiatric medication.
Learning Outcomes:	Upon completion of this subject the student should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Examine the clinical implications for and side effects of psychotropic medication. # Examine the skills required to assess a person's reaction to the administration of psychotropic drugs. # Evaluate the role of the psychiatric nurse in psychopharmacological treatments. # Develop comprehensive knowledge of psychotropic medications and apply this knowledge by planning appropriate health teaching strategies.
Assessment:	Students must pass the 2 hour examination to achieve a pass in this subject and must achieve an overall aggregate of 50%. Assignment 2,000 words (40%) - Due four (4) weeks after the commencement of the subject Examination 2 hours (60%) - At the end of semester
Prescribed Texts:	Psychiatric Drugs Explained & Evolve EBooks package by David Healy Usher, K., Foster, K. & Bullock, S. (2009). Psychopharmacology for Health Professionals Elsevier: Australia Bullock, S. & Manias, E. (2014) Fundamentals of pharmacology (7th ed.) Pearson Australia Rang, H., Dale, M., Ritter, J. et.al. (2012) Rang and Dale's Pharmacology. (7th ed.) Philadelphia: Elsevier Churchill Livingstone
Recommended Texts:	
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>In addition to the focus on specific psychopharmacology in mental health, this subject will assist you to develop your</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # problem-solving skills by involvement in classroom discussions and activities # analytic skills by your critical appraisal of the literature and development of arguments within the set assignment # ability to work as a team member by your involvement in discussions and activities with your fellow students # writing skills by completion of the assessment tasks # time management skills by planning your work and submitting information by the required deadlines
Links to further information:	http://www.nursing.unimelb.edu.au
Related Course(s):	<p>Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Science Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Science Graduate Diploma in Nursing Practice (Mental Health) Master of Advanced Nursing Practice Master of Advanced Nursing Practice (Mental Health) Master of Mental Health Science</p>