



**Course Syllabus**

**Pharmacology  
VNSG 1331**

- Course Description:** Fundamentals of medications and their diagnostic, therapeutic, and curative effects. Includes nursing interventions utilizing the nursing process.
- End-Of-Course Outcomes:** Identify properties, effects, and principles of pharmacotherapeutic agents; and explain nursing interventions associated with the various pharmacotherapeutic agents. Demonstrate ability to calculate and administer drug dosage safely.
- Semester Hours Credit:** 3
- Lecture/Lab Hours:** Lecture 3
- Prerequisite:** Admission to the Coastal Bend College Vocational Nursing Program after successful completion of all first semester courses with a grade of “C” or better.
- Textbook(s):** Understanding Pharmacology: Essentials for Medication Safety, (2011),  
Authors: Workman, LaCharity & Kruchko,  
Publisher: Saunders (Evolve/Elsevier),  
ISBN 978-1-4160-2917-5  
Davis’s Drug Guide for Nurses, (2014), 14<sup>th</sup> Edition,  
Authors: Vallerand/Sanoski  
Publisher: F.A. Davis  
ISBN 978-0-8036-3976-8
- TEACHING METHODS:** Lecture  
Group Discussion  
Multi-media presentations  
Assignments  
Tutorial assistance  
Online support (Student Resources)
- Evaluation Methods:** Chapter exams 60% of overall grade  
Class participation 15% of overall grade  
Final exam 25% of overall grade



**Grading Scale**

A=90-100

B=80-89

C=75-79

D=70-74

F=69 and Below

**Students must achieve an overall grade of 75 or better to pass this course and continue in the program.**

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Utilize empirical and quantitative skills to identify properties, effects and principles of pharmacotherapeutic agents as well as calculate and administer drug dosage safely.

Criteria for success: Medication Administration Proficiency Exam

Target: After three (3) attempts, 90% of students (or more) will show mastery with a score of 95% or greater on Medication Administration proficiency Exam (MAPE).

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