

**BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Master Syllabus**

**Course Prefix and Number:** PRNU 160

**Credit Hours:** 2.5

**Course Title:** PN Advanced Pharmacology

**Clock Hours Lecture/Lab/Clinical:** 40/0/0

Enrollment in the program courses (PRNU) is limited to those students who have been selected and admitted to the Practical Nursing program. Program courses are sequenced by semester and must be taken as a group each semester per program requirements and policies.

**Textbook(s):** Textbook of Basic Nursing, Eleventh Edition, Caroline Bunker Rosdahl, Mary T. Kowalski  
Workbook for Textbook of Basic Nursing, Eleventh Edition, Caroline Bunker Rosdahl, Mary T. Kowalski  
Dosage Calculations, Gloria D. Pickar  
PN Pharmacology for Nursing, ATi

**Course Description:** The drug classes and properties of pharmacokinetics through the life span are introduced. Specific drugs in each classification are emphasized according to expected effects, side effects, and adverse effects. Routes of drug administration and variables that influence drug action are covered including dangerous drug interactions and nursing implications related to each drug. Advanced medication calculations will be required to demonstrate knowledge of safe dosing parameters. The nursing process is utilized to assess the patient's learning needs and effects of all pharmacological interventions. (45 hours lecture)

**Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Discuss the advanced concepts of pharmacology;
- B. Apply knowledge to improve the quality and safety of pharmacotherapy to ensure safety when administering medications;
- C. Describe the course, effects, and mechanism of action of each major drug class.
- D. Evaluate common side effects and interactions associated with the major classes of drugs.
- E. Design appropriate pharmacologic interventions for treatment of select health conditions or diseases, considering the impact of race, ethnic group, age, and special populations; and

**Course Objectives:**

**Theory:** Upon successful completion of this course with a minimum of 80% accuracy, the student will:

1. Describe the following classifications of medications, including actions, possible side effects, adverse reactions, nursing considerations, and examples of each: antibiotics, analgesics and narcotics, hypnotics and sedatives, anticonvulsants, steroids, anti-hypertensives, diuretics, and cardiotonics. (A, C)
2. Discuss implications associated with drug-resistant bacteria. (D)
3. Discuss major side effects of prolonged steroid therapy. (D)
4. Describe the most common side effects of narcotics, hypnotics, and sedatives. (A, D)
5. Demonstrate ability to research information about medications accurately. (B, E)

**Course Requirements:** To earn a grade of "C" or higher the student must earn 80% of the total points for the course and obtain a Satisfactory "S" (Passing) on course CSET. Satisfactory in lab and clinical is interpreted as 80 or above out of 100.

**Course Grading Scale:** The final grade will not be rounded up EX. 79.5 = 79 = D

100-94 = A

93-87 = B

86-80 = C

79-73 = D

72-0 = F

**Attendance Policy:** The attendance policy for the BPCC Practical Nursing Program is included in the program student handbook, which is also posted to the program page of the BPCC website.

**Course Fees:** This course is accompanied by a non-refundable \$30 lab fee, which is used to for the purchase of laboratory supplies and equipment for the program.

**Nondiscrimination Statement:**

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