

NURS 203 : General Pharmacology

Credits: 3

Class Hours: 3 lecture

Prerequisites: "C" or higher in NURS 210 and NURS 211.

Corequisite Courses:

NURS 220

Description: This course discusses drugs with an emphasis on sites and mechanisms of action, toxicity, fate, and uses of major therapeutic agents.

Semester Offered: Spring

Course Student Learning Outcomes (CSLOs):

1. Identify clinically significant drug interactions.
2. Describe how differences between individuals govern their responses to drugs.
3. List dosage forms of commonly used medications and how to use the forms effectively.
4. Describe the basic mechanisms of drug action from ingestion to metabolism and elimination.
5. Identify the major categories and classes of drugs and their therapeutic uses.
6. Identify frequent side effects and complications associated with major categories of drugs.
7. Describe the ethical and legal responsibility in the administration of drugs, including accuracy in drug calculations.
8. Describe major current developments in drug therapy including guidelines for disease state management.