

NURS 6903 - Advanced Pharmacology

Summer 2026 Syllabus, Section A02, CRN 30317,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

6903. Advanced Pharmacology. Application of pharmacological concepts in clinical settings with examination of major categories of pharmacological agents. Prereq.: NURS 6902. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Lehne's pharmacotherapeutics for advanced practice nurses and physician assistants	Rosenthal, L. D., & Posenjack Bruchum, J.	978-0-323-93606-4

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
5/11	Unit 1, 2, 3	Introduction, Basic Principles of Pharmacology, Drug Therapy across the Life Span	Quiz 1, Due Sunday at Midnight
5/18	Unit 4, 5	Peripheral Nervous System Drugs, Central Nervous System Drugs	Discussion 2 (OAB & COPD), Due Wednesday at Midnight Quiz 2, Due Sunday at Midnight
5/25	Unit 6, 7, 8	Drugs for Pain, Psycho-therapeutic Drugs, Substance Abuse	Discussion 3 (Schedule 2 drugs. Please use links as your reference.) https://www.dea.gov/drug-information/drug-scheduling https://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/oarrs/default , Due Wednesday at Midnight Quiz 3, Due Sunday at Midnight
6/1	Unit 9: (ch 37-39. 41-46)	Drugs that Affect the Heart, Blood Vessels, Blood and Blood Volume.	Discussion (Hypertension), Due Wednesday at Midnight Quiz 4, Due Sunday at Midnight
6/8	Unit 10, 14	Drugs for Diabetes & Thyroid, Respiratory Tract Drugs	Discussion (Diabetes), Due Wednesday at Midnight Quiz 5, Due Sunday at Midnight
6/15	Unit 12, 13, 15	Anti-inflammatory, Anti-allergic, and immunologic drugs, Drugs for Bone & Joint Disorders, Gastrointestinal Drugs	Discussion (PUD), Due Wednesday at Midnight Quiz 6, Due Sunday at Midnight
6/22	Unit 17	Therapy of Infectious Diseases	Quiz 7, Due Saturday at Midnight

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