Covenant School of Nursing
Instructional Module 6 Learning Guide
Topic: Psychopharmacology

Learning Goals/Outcomes
Upon completion of this lesson, you will be able to: • Describe the role of neurotransmitters in mental illness. • Discuss the relationship between psychotropic medication and neurotransmitters. • Discuss the classification of medications used to treat mental illnesses and the mechanisms of action (MOA), side effects, and nursing considerations for each. • Develop a teaching plan for the use of psychotropic medications. • Discuss the principles that guide pharmacologic treatment in mental illness.
Pre-Class Preparation
Required: • Varcarolis, 4th edition, pages 33-50 • HESI Comprehensive Review for the NCLEX-RN Examination
Learning Activities
Classroom Activities: • Lecture with PowerPoint presentation Laboratory/Clinical Activities: • Administration of medications while in the clinical setting as policy allows • Monitoring effectiveness of medications while in the clinical setting Online: • See online assignments on “Instructional Module 6 Assignments and Required Work”
Evaluation Methods
• Exams • HESI PMH Exam • Clinical performance/Evaluation

Texas DECs	***QSEN Competencies***
Knowledge: II.B.7; II.D.1b; II.E.6a&b; II.E.8; III.F.1a-c, 2 Clinical Judgments & Behaviors: II.G.2a&b; III.B.3b&c; III.B.5	Informatics; Safety; EBP
IM Student Learning Outcomes	***NCLEX Test Plan***
1, 3, 7	**Physiological Integrity:** Pharmacological & Parenteral Therapies
Concepts	***Faculty***
Clinical Judgment	Annie Harrison, MSN, RN PMH-BC
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