

**Covenant School of Nursing
LVN-RN Track Learning Guide
Topic: Psychopharmacology**

Learning Goals/Outcomes	
Upon completion of this lesson, you will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pearson, Comprehensive Review for NCLEX-RN 2nd edition. (2012). Read Ch. 23 and 36 Additional Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vancouver, 3rd ed. Ch. 4: p. 34-49 	
Learning Activities	
Classroom Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture with PowerPoint presentation Laboratory/Clinical Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration of medications while in the clinical setting as policy allows Monitoring effectiveness of medications while in the clinical setting 	
Evaluation Methods	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exam Clinical performance/Evaluation 	
Texas DECs	
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
Learning Outcomes	NCLEX Test Plan
1, 3	Physiological Integrity: Pharmacological & Parenteral Therapies
Concepts	Faculty
Clinical Judgment	Annie M. Harrison, DNP, RN PMH-BC
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