

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

| Learning Goals/Outcomes | |
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| 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 | |
| Recommended reading: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silvestri, L. A. (20XX). <i>Saunders comprehensive review for the NCLEX examination</i>. Elsevier. • Cuellar, E. T. (Ed.). (20XX). <i>HESI comprehensive review for the NCLEX-RN examination</i>. Elsevier. | |
| 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 DEC's | |
| 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 |
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