

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

Learning Goals/Outcomes	
<p>Upon completion of this lesson, you will be able to:</p> <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	
<p>Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATI: Ch. 21: Medications for Anxiety & Trauma and Stress Related Disorders • Ch. 22: Medications for Depressive Disorders • Ch. 23: Medications for Bipolar Disorders • Ch. 24: Medications for Psychotic Disorders • Pearson, Comprehensive Review for NCLEX-RN 2nd edition. (2012). Read Ch. 23 and 36 <p>Additional Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varcarolis, 3rd ed. Ch. 4: p. 34-49 	
Learning Activities	
<p>Classroom Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to “Active Learning Template Medication” • Lecture with PowerPoint presentation <p>Laboratory/Clinical Activities:</p> <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 • Patient Teaching exercise based on the ATI “Active Learning Template Medication” <p>Out of Class Activities: Not required but recommended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATI: Pharmacology Made Easy “The Neurological System Part 2” • ATI Practice Questions Psychopharmacology (Refer to Reading Assignments for the ID and Password; found in the LMS) 	
Evaluation Methods	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exams • ATI Mental Health Nursing Assessment • Clinical performance/Evaluation 	
<i>Texas DECs</i>	<i>QSEN Competencies</i>
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
<i>Learning Outcomes</i>	<i>NCLEX Test Plan</i>
1, 3	Physiological Integrity: Pharmacological & Parenteral Therapies
<i>Concepts</i>	<i>Faculty</i>
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