COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course examines the nursing process for managing the pharmacological care of the patient in today’s changing health care environment. It explores safe medication administration with a focus on medication drug classification, concepts, and principles. Dosage calculations for safe medication administration are also incorporated. An emphasis is on the nursing student as a caregiver and the responsibility involved administration of medications.

PREREQUISITE: ENG 119, BIO 155, BIO 240, BIO 250, BIO 295, PSY 101, NUR 110, NUR 118

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
- Discuss the importance of ethical practices, holistic values, and a systematic process in professional nursing practice while making decisions about patient care related to medication administration.
- Identify the nurse’s role as a member of the multidisciplinary team when administering medications.
- Define safe administration of medication with current pharmacological knowledge.
- Identify the variations in medication administration based on the patient’s unique needs in various health care settings.
- Discriminate medication orders in the administration of medications in health care settings.

ASSESSMENT METHODS:
Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:
90%-100% = A
80%-89.9% = B
70%-79.9% = C
60%-69.9% = D
<60% = E