**ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**DIVISION:** Workforce Development  
**COURSE:** DLA 2210 Pharmacology

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**Date:** Spring 2021  
**Credit Hours:** 0.5  
**Prerequisite(s):** DLA 1210 Dental Science II

**Delivery Method:**  
- Lecture: 0.5 Contact Hours (1 contact = 1 credit hour)  
- Seminar: 0 Contact Hours (1 contact = 1 credit hour)  
- Lab: 0 Contact Hours (2-3 contact = 1 credit hour)  
- Clinical: 0 Contact Hours (3 contact = 1 credit hour)  
- Online  
- Blended

**Offered:** ☐ Fall  ☑ Spring  ☐ Summer

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**CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**  
This course is designed to familiarize the student the broad definition of pharmacology and drugs, with the study of all drugs, their properties, how they react with each other, and the actions of the drugs within the body.
GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS ADDRESSED

[See last page for Course Competency/Assessment Methods Matrix.]

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able:

[Choose up to three goals that will be formally assessed in this course.]

☐ To apply analytical and problem solving skills to personal, social, and professional
issues and situations.
☐ To communicate successfully, both orally and in writing, to a variety of audiences.
☐ To construct a critical awareness of and appreciate diversity.
☐ To understand and use technology effectively and to understand its impact on the
individual and society.
☐ To develop interpersonal capacity.
☐ To recognize what it means to act ethically and responsibly as an individual and as a
member of society.
☐ To recognize what it means to develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle in terms of
mind, body, and spirit.
☒ To connect learning to life.

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES AND RELATED COMPETENCIES:

[Outcomes related to course specific goals. See last page for more information.]

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe a basic understanding of the drugs commonly prescribed for dental
conditions and the assistant’s role in drug management. (Standard 2-13-e)
   1.1. Identify terms relating to drugs, pharmacology, and medicines
   1.2. Identify the difference between drug brand names and generic names.
   1.3. Identify the parts of a written prescription.
   1.4. Identify texts pertinent to pharmacology, and know how to find information in
them.
   1.5. Give the English meanings of the Latin abbreviations used for prescriptions.
   1.6. Identify the schedules for the Comprehensive Drug Abuse and Prevention and
   1.7. Identify routes through which drugs can be administered.
   1.8. Demonstrate an understanding of the drugs used in dentistry, and ways in which
they are used.
   1.9. Demonstrate an understanding of the drug actions, side effects, indications and
contraindications for use.
   1.10. Summarize the uses and effects of nicotine, caffeine, alcohol, marijuana, and
cocaine.
   1.11. Summarize information about heroin, morphine, and codeine.
   1.13. Demonstrate an understanding of hallucinogenic drugs such as LSD, PCP, and
mescaline.
   1.14. Demonstrate an understanding about barbiturates.
2. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the types of anesthesia used in dentistry. (Standard 2-13-e-v)
   2.1. Describe the methods used to manage the pain and anxiety associated with dental procedures.
   2.2. Explain various topical anesthetics and their placements.
   2.3. Describe types of local anesthetics.
   2.4. Identify injection sites for the maxillary and mandibular arches.
   2.5. Describe the equipment and materials needed to administer local anesthetic.
   2.6. List the steps for preparing for the administration of local anesthetic.
   2.7. Identify supplemental techniques to administer anesthetics.
   2.8. Discuss the role of nitrous oxide in the care of the dental patient.
   2.9. Demonstrate the ability to assist in the administration of nitrous oxide.

MAPPING LEARNING OUTCOMES TO GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS

[For each of the goals selected above, indicate which outcomes align with the goal.]

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COURSE TOPICS AND CONTENT REQUIREMENTS:

I. Anesthesia Used in Dentistry
   A. Types of Sedation
      i. Conscious sedation
      ii. Intravenous sedation (IV)
      iii. Oral sedation
      iv. Inhalation sedation
         1. Nitrous oxide
      v. Intramuscular sedation
      vi. General anesthesia
         1. Four stages
         2. Agents commonly used
      vii. Topical anesthesia
      viii. Local anesthesia
         1. Agents
         2. Vasoconstrictors
         3. Possible complications
         4. Types of injections
         5. Injection sites

II. Pharmacology
   A. Drug names
      i. Brand names
      ii. Generic names
   B. Prescriptions
      i. Parts of a prescription
   C. Texts pertinent to pharmacology
D. Drug laws
   i. Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control act of 1970
   ii. Dental Assistants and the Law
E. Pharmacokinetics
F. Drug administration routes
G. Drugs
   i. Prescribed drugs by drug classification
   ii. Drugs not prescribed by the dentist
H. Herbal and other alternative medicine

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS:
- Lecture
- Class discussion
- Class Presentations
- Text assignments
- Visual aids - videos, slides, charts and models, power points
- Computers
- Exams and quizzes
- Demonstration

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:
- Oral thermometers, stethoscopes, sphygmomanometers
- Text books
  - Dental Assisting: A comprehensive Approach Workbook, 5th Edition, 2018
- YouTube
- Library Resources
- Writing Center

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS AND METHODS OF EVALUATION:
Reading assigned materials, note taking and participation in classroom discussion is expected of students.

Written examinations are used to evaluate student progress. A minimum of four tests and a comprehensive final exam will be given. All exam grades are weighted proportionately to determine the final grade.
A grade of “C” is required for graduation from the Dental Assisting Program. The following grading scale will be used as a guide in determining the final letter grade for this course:

A= 90-100
B= 80-89
C= 70-79
D= 60-69
F= 0-59

OTHER REFERENCES
## Course Competency/Assessment Methods Matrix

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For each competency/outcome place an “X” below the method of assessment to be used.

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### Assessment Measures – Are direct or indirect as indicated. List competencies/outcomes below.

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