

**Pharmacology**

Code: 101774  
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500891 Nursing	FB	2	1

## Errata

There has been changes in the responsible of the subject, now is the teacher Mònica Sabaté Gallego ([monica.sabate@uab.cat](mailto:monica.sabate@uab.cat))

There has been changes in the contents of the subject- Specialized seminars. In Seminar 5 should say: "*The role of nursing in clinical trials with medications*".

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## Use of Languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)  
Some groups entirely in English: No  
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes  
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

## Teachers

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## Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for taking the course of Clinical Pharmacology. However, it is recommended that students should previously have studied "Structure of the Human Body" and "Human Body's function".

## Objectives and Contextualisation

Pharmacology is a 6 ECTS credits' subject and is considered compulsory in the syllabus of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona to obtain the Nursing degree.

The therapeutic approach with drugs is one of the pillars in which the control of diseases is based on our present society. Nursing professionals play a very active role in carrying out activities related with the pharmacological therapy. Evaluation of effectiveness, prevention, detection and action in front of unwanted effects, the administration of drugs and, last but not least, health education are functions that must be developed in a systematic and integrated way in their daily work.

The competent development of the functions implies that nursing professionals should be updated periodically in pharmacological procedures and knowledge. Access to reliable sources of information, independent and updated is essential to update the knowledge.

Training objectives:

- To know the different groups of medicaments, the principles of their authorization, the mechanisms of action, the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic characteristics and their main indications.
- To know the expected benefits and the associated risks of the administration or consumption of the different groups of drugs.
- To acquire skills for the development of activities related to pharmacological therapeutics.
- To acquire skills in the search and synthesis of pharmacological information for the resolution of clinical cases.

## Competences

- Analyse and synthesise complex phenomena.
- Develop independent learning strategies.
- Identify, analyse and choose the most suitable option to respond efficiently and effectively to problems in the professional context.
- Offer technical and professional health care and that this adequate for the health needs of the person being attended, in accordance with the current state of scientific knowledge at any time and levels of quality and safety established under the applicable legal and deontological rules.
- Protect the health and welfare of people or groups attended guaranteeing their safety.
- Respect the environment and promote sustainable development.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Analyse and synthesise complex phenomena.
2. Describe safety rules to consider before clinical situations caused by problems related to drug administration.
3. Describe the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic principles of the treatments applied.
4. Describe the principles for administering drugs and other therapies safely.
5. Develop independent learning strategies.
6. Identify elements that can endanger the health of persons in relation to the use and management of drugs.
7. Identify the different groups of drugs and health products, the principles of their authorisation, use and symptoms, and the mechanisms of their use.
8. Identify, analyze and make the right choice paragraphs to address problems professionally, efficiently and effectively.
9. Respect the environment and promote sustainable development.

## Content

Directed activities

Theory

Description of the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic principles of each of the pharmacological groups used for the treatment of the most prevalent pathologies, as well as their mechanisms of action and the key points of their use and of safe administration.

Topic 1. Introduction to Clinical Pharmacology: general concepts and bibliography of interest.

Topic 2. Pharmacokinetics: absorption, distribution, biotransformation and elimination of drugs of the organism.

Topic 3. Pharmacodynamics: targeted receptors, agonist and antagonist drugs, mechanisms of action of drugs.

Topic 4. Pharmacovigilance: general concepts and regulations for the notification of adverse reactions.

Topic 5. Pharmacology of the Autonomous Nervous System: drugs that act on the sympathetic and parasympathetic system.

Topic 6. Cardiovascular system drugs: treatment of heart attack, angina pectoris, hypertension and heart failure.

Topic 7. Pharmacological therapies for infectious processes: antibiotics, antivirals and tuberculosis treatment.

Topic 8. Hypoglycemic drugs and corticoids.

Topic 9. Treatment of respiratory diseases: asthma and COPD.

Topic 10. Pharmacology of the central nervous system.

Topic 11. Cytostatic drugs: general concepts and regulations for the treatment of cytotoxic residues.

Topic 12. Treatment of pain

Topic 13. Treatment of digestive diseases: anti-ulcer, antiemetic, laxative and antidiarrheal.

Specialized seminars

The theoretical contents are applied to the discussion of topics from the analysis of situations found in the bibliographic search. The work done is presented in front of the group.

Seminar 1. Safety in medication administration and dose calculation.

Seminar 2. Pharmacological anamnesis: simulation of a nurse-patient interview.

Seminar 3. Adverse reactions to medication: analysis of cases of notifications of suspicion of adverse reactions.

Seminar 4. Antibiotics

Seminar 5. Drugs dispensed by hospital services to out-patients.

Seminar 6. What we know and what we do not know (review seminar)

## Methodology

1.-Theory lessons in which the contents of the subject will be developed. The goal of the theoretical classes is to explain the fundamental basic concepts.

2.-Specialized seminars in which students will have an active participation dealing with predetermined situations and practical cases, through the exchange of partial information, the collective analysis of these information and the subsequent debate, and the exhibition of works in common. The objective of these seminars is to know the most useful sources of information in pharmacology and to relate the theoretical concepts, nursing activity and decision making to give a synthetic response to the situation raised.

3.-Moodle: This tool will be used for the repository of documentation and delivery of evaluable activities. The objective is to facilitate the follow-up of the subject, the learning of contents and skills and the continuous evaluation.

4.-Individual tutorials for students who may need them, according to the teacher's criteria or the student's demand.

## Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
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Type: Directed

SPECIALIZED SEMINARS (SESP)	14	0.56	1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 7, 6, 8
THEORY (TE)	39	1.56	3, 4, 2, 7, 9
Type: Autonomous			
SELF-STUDY	90	3.6	1, 5, 8

## Assessment

The competences will be evaluated through a final, formative and continuous evaluation. The qualification system will be alphanumeric

Theory:

Written evaluation through objective tests. Written objective tests will release theoretical material and they will be organized in 2 partial exams with multiple answer questions. This evaluation will have a specific weight of 75% of the final grade of the subject.

Specialized seminars:

Written evaluation of drug dosage calculation problems. It will have a specific weight of 5% of the subject's final grade.

Written evaluation of group discussion and case work projects. It will have a specific weight of 15% of the subject's final grade.

Oral defense of the group work. It will have a specific weight of 5% of the subject's final grade.

Seminars' attendance: it will be necessary to attend 70% of the seminars to pass the subject.

Moodle Activities: 80% of moodle activities will be required to pass the subject.

In a schematic manner, it will be evaluated as follows:

- Theory

Two test type partial tests: numerical note between 0-10, each one of the tests will represent 37.5% of the final note. The first test will take place during the month of December and the second one once the subject is completed.

Recovery test: written exam "test type" in the case of not having released the subject in both partial exams. Numeric note between 0-10 (75% of the final grade).

- Specialized seminars

Resolution of calculation problems: numeric note between 0-10 (5% of the final mark). Group work: numeric note between 0-10 (15% of the final mark).

Oral defense: numerical note between 0-10 (5% of the final mark).

Important: You must have passed this section to be able to enroll in the Practicums. Students with a "Fail" or "Non-evaluable" must sit for new exams until obtaining a "Pass".

Evaluation criteria:

To pass the subject:

Students must have a score of 5 or more in each of the 2 partials and a score of 5 or more in the specialized seminars (group work + oral defense) and a score of 5 or more in the written test of dose calculation;

or a score of 5 or more on the recovery test (75% of the final grade) and 5 or more on the cases' seminars (25% of the final grade).

Definition of NON-EVALUABLE: it will be understood as non-evaluable when:

- the student does not carry out the written objective tests of multiple-choice questions or, if applicable, he does not sit for the recovery test.

- the student does not attend more than 30% of the case seminars.

- the student does not complete more than 80% of the Moodle activities.

Exam review: Written tests may be reviewed during the period determined for this purpose, once published the final mark. Beyond the established limit, requests for revision will not be accepted.

Treatment of possible individual cases: they will be handled by an evaluation committee.

## Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Evaluation through case studies and problem solving	15%	2.5	0.1	1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9
Oral defense of written works	5%	2	0.08	1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 6, 8
Writing Evaluation of Dose medication Problems	5%	0.5	0.02	4, 2, 6, 8
Written evaluation through objective tests (1st part): multiple choice	37,5%	1	0.04	1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 7, 6, 8, 9
Written evaluation through objective tests (2nd part): multiple choice	37,5%	1	0.04	1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 7, 6, 8, 9

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Diccionari Enciclopèdic de Medicina: <https://cit.iec.cat/DEM/default.asp?opcio=1>

WEBgrafia

Agència Espanyola del Medicament i Productes Sanitaris (AEMPS): [www.aemps.gob.es/cima](http://www.aemps.gob.es/cima)

Canal Salut de la Generalitat de Catalunya

<http://medicaments.gencat.cat/ca/inici/>

<https://catsalut.gencat.cat/ca/proveidors-professionals/farmacia-medicaments/programa-harmonitzacio-farmacot>

<https://catsalut.gencat.cat/ca/proveidors-professionals/farmacia-medicaments/gestio-del-coneixement/butlletins>

The Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO)

<http://rnao.ca/bpg/language?tid=261>

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