Welcome Letter for Pharmacology for Nursing Practice

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Hello and welcome to Pharmacology for Nursing Practice!

Welcome to Pharmacology for Nursing Practice. As you may know, their are two sections to the course... NUR 332-80 is strictly online and is taught entirely by myself. The other section, NUR 332-70 is hybrid and is co-taught by myself and Dr. Bliss. Both sections will have many of the same online components- only the hybrid course will meet with Dr. Bliss during the weeks that assignments are due.

The first thing to do is look at the syllabus. A new lecture will be posted on Blackboard at the beginning of each week. You are expected to view the lecture, complete the reading, and participate in the online discussion- much like one would in a traditional classroom. On the Thursday of each week, an online quiz will be posted for you to complete by Friday at 5pm. This will be the basic flow of the course for the semester.

The only exception to this will be the assignments weeks. Various topic related to pharmacology will be explored and assignments will be due accordingly. It is during these weeks that NUR 332-70 will meet in person with Dr. Bliss and NUR 332-80 will have other ways of displaying their work- more on this to follow.

Expectations
There is no way that a student will learn and absorb all their is to know about pharmacology by the end of this course. One needs to keep in mind that this course will serve as a starting point for you to learn pharmacology. We will not be studying individual medications, but rather look at various classes of medication within a body system each week. This course will follow topic that you will be covering in other nursing courses this semester- specifically NUR 329. This will give you a point of reference for the material we will be covering.

I expect everyone in the course to participate fully online. I will be available via online office hours and will be available to students in person as well. Students should expect to log onto Blackboard a minimum of 3-4 times a week and keep up with their reading.

The online quizzes will be given every week- no cumulative tests will be offered. These quizzes will be timed and students will have only one chance to take the quiz. In order to manage all students online, I will be very organized with Blackboard assignments and post regular announcements to keep everyone up to date.

Texts
For any general questions, please post them under discussion forum "General questions"- please do not email me questions unless they are personal in nature. You may have the same question as someone else- so this way everyone can read the answers. Take the time to look over the Blackboard page- not much is posted yet- it will build up as the weeks progress.

Please note... I will be online and checking Blackboard daily from Monday- Friday. No emails or blackboard posts will be answered on Saturday or Sunday. I will be happy to answer your questions after the weekend.

Grading
For grading, please see the syllabus for specific breakdown of assignments. The course grade will comprise of the weekly quizzes, the assignments, and class online participation.
I look forward to working with you this semester!

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Good luck and have fun in the course! Dr. Elizabeth Van Dyk