

Pharmaceutical Calculations

PHAR 7201

Fall 2024

Course Description

This course focuses on quantitative and qualitative principles encompassing calculations performed by pharmacists in various practice settings.

Additional Course Description

In this course, fundamental principles and basic techniques involved in pharmaceutical calculations are presented for students to develop skills in pharmaceutical calculations and problem solving applicable to the practice of pharmacy. Scope primarily includes computations related to prescriptions and medication orders.

Course Credit

2 credit hours

Pre-Requisites

None

Co-Requisites

None

Class Meeting Days, Time & Location

Thursday: 10:00 AM to 12:00 AM; W.T. Brookshire Hall room # 236

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Fisch College of Pharmacy (FCOP) and UT Tyler Policies

This is part 1 of the syllabus. Part 2 contains UT Tyler and the FCOP course policies and procedures. These are available as a PDF at <https://www.uttyler.edu/pharmacy/academic-affairs/>. For experiential courses (i.e., IPPE and/or APPE), the Experiential Manual contains additional policies and instructions that supplement the Syllabus Part 1 and 2. Please note, the experiential manual may contain policies with different deadlines and/or instructions. The manual should be followed in these cases.

Required Materials

Most course required materials are available through the Robert R. Muntz Library. These materials are available either online* (<http://library.uttyler.edu/>) or on reserve.

1. Pharmaceutical Calculations, 15th ed. Howard C. Ansel. 2013. ISBN: 978-1451120363. Walter Kluwer.
2. Ansel's Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms and Drug Delivery Systems. 9th ed. Allen LV, Popovich NG, Ansel HC, et.al. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. (2010) ISBN: 978-0-78-177934-0. (Available via online through the Robert R. Muntz Library)
3. Other required materials will be posted on the classes' Canvas site. The site address is: uttyler.edu/canvas.

Recommended Materials

1. Complete Math Review, 3rd ed. William A. Hopkins. APhA. 2010. e-ISBN: 1-58212-134-6 (Available via online through the Robert R. Muntz Library)
2. Understanding Pharmacy Calculations, 2nd ed. Teresa A. O'Sullivan and Linda S. Albrecht. 2012. ISBN: 1-58212-095-1. (Available via online through the Robert R. Muntz Library)

Course Format

The course may include, but are not limited to, the following activities:

1. Independent study of selected readings
2. Individual readiness assessment tests (iRATs)

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

CLOs	Related PLO(s)	EPAs	Assessment Methods	Grading Method	PPCP Skill(s) Assessed
1. Demonstrate competence in performing pharmaceutical calculations to ensure accuracy and precision and to minimize the risk for error.	1	1.2 3.2 5.2	1	ES	2
2. Interpret and apply common abbreviations and symbols used on prescription and medication orders for correct calculations.	1	1.1 3.2 5.2	1	ES	1

Course Assessment Methods

	Assessment Method	Description
1	Final Exam Multiple Choice or Multiple Selection Question(s)	Standard MCQ and Select All that apply questions.
2	Final Exam Open Ended Question(s)	Handwritten calculations fill in the blank Question(s) and may involve paper-based calculations. The College will provide calculator during exams)

Grading Policy & Grade Calculation

Grades will be determined based on evaluation of individual readiness assessment tests (iRATs,), individual and midterm examinations, final written examinations, skills assessments, graded application assignments, participation in team-based projects, peer evaluations and other assessment methods that may include, but not limited to, Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE). Examinations, RATs and CATs may consist of, but not limited to, multiple-choice, true/false, fill in the blank, short-answer, essay, and problem-based questions.

During the time the course is in progress, students whose cumulative course percentage falls below 70.0% may receive an academic alert and be subject to periodic course content review in special sessions with the course instructor(s). The student's faculty advisor may receive an academic alert to act upon on the student's behalf.

All examinations, quiz, and assignments, including the final examination, may be **cumulative**. Students are responsible for material presented during the prior courses. The grading scale for all graded material is below. The final course grade will be assigned according to the calculated percentage and the percentages will not be rounded upward or downward. For additional information, see examination/assessment policy below.

Standard Grade Calculation*

Individual Component	100%
Homework	2%
iRATs	10%
Quiz	21%
Midterm Exam	27%
Final Exam (Cumulative)	40%
Total	100%

****The final course letter grade will be determined according to the following grading scheme:***

A	90 - 100 %
B	80 - 89.999 %
C	70 - 79.999 %
D	65.0 - 69.999 %
F	< 65.0 %

PHAR 7201: Pharmaceutical Calculations Schedule (Fall 2024)

WEEK	DAY	TOPIC	Instructor	CLO	WSOP Category
1	08/29	Pharmaceutical measurement and Temperature Conversion	Dr. Deba	1	S20.99
2	09/05	Interpreting Drug and Medication Orders*	Dr. Deba	1,2	S20.99
3	09/12	Density and specific gravity			
4	09/19	Ratio and Proportion, Concentrations and Dilutions; Percentage Calculations*	Dr. Deba	1,2	S20.99
5	09/26	Quiz 1	Dr. Deba	1, 2	S20.99
6	10/03	Calculation of Doses: General Considerations and Patient Parameters*	Dr. Deba	1, 2	S20.99
7	10/10	Calculations involving units of activity and other measures potency	Dr. Deba	1, 2	S20.99
8	10/17	Midterm Exam			
9	10/24	Isotonic and Buffer Solutions*	Dr. Deba	1, 2	S20.99
10	10/31	Electrolyte Solutions 1 and 2*	Dr. Deba	1,2	S20.99
11	11/07	Quiz 2	Dr. Deba	1, 2	S20.99
12	11/14	Selected Clinical Calculations and Calculation of Intravenous infusion Flow Rates*	Dr. Deba	1, 2	S20.99
14	11/21	Reducing and Enlarging Formulas*	Dr. Deba	1, 2	S20.99
15		Thanksgiving Holiday: November 20-24			
16	12/05	Quiz 3	Dr. Deba	1, 2	S20.99
17	12/09	Final Exams (Comprehensive)			

* iRATs & Quiz

Please note that dates, topics, and assignments are subject to change. In the event of a change, you will be given ample notification of the change.