



**PHRA 1404-101CL**  
**Pharmacotherapy and Disease Process**  
**Spring 2025**  
**Monday and Thursday 11:15am – 1:15pm**

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**Student hours and location:** Monday-Thursday 1:15pm-3:15pm, or by appointment.  
STEAM Building, Office 255-41

**Required Textbook:** *Pharmacology for Technicians*, 7th Edition Paradigm Books  
By Don A. Ballington and Mary M. Laughlin

**Course Description:** This course provides a study of the disease state and therapeutic properties of drugs used in pharmaceutical therapy.

**Course Requirements:** Students will be required to read the chapters and study material as indicated on the course outline. Students will be responsible for answering questions in quiz and exam assessments measuring their understanding and ability to apply course facts and concepts.

**Exams:** There will be three multiple choice exams and 1 final exam.

**Mandatory Mid-Semester Meeting:** All students are required to meet with the Pharmacy Technician Program Instructor at the mid-point of the semester. This meeting will be held virtually over Blackboard Collaborate or Microsoft Teams. This is an opportunity to discuss the student's standing in each course, identify regulatory requirements which must be met, develop a student academic plan, and complete mandatory paperwork.

**Mandatory: Nursing and Allied Health Simulation Day-April 9, 2025 8:00am-5:00pm**

**Attendance and Participation:** Students are expected to attend every class and arrive on time, just as you will be expected to do as a pharmacy technician. Pharmacy Technicians are a vital part of the pharmacy staff. Attendance will constitute a portion of your final grade as detailed below. Being absent or late (tardy) will affect attendance grade.

**Determination of Course Grade/Detailed Grading Formula:**

Course work will consist of quizzes, case studies, drug cards, multiple choice exams, a final exam and attendance and participation.

Activity	Percentage Weight
Pronunciation Labs/Drug Cards	10%
Quizzes/Case Studies	20%
Exams	30%
Final	30%
Attendance/Participation	10%

**Grading Scale:**

Letter Grade	Numerical Point Value
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	65-69
F	64 and below

**Late Work, Make-Up, and Extra-Credit Policy:**

**Late Work Policy:** Late work will not be accepted.

**Make-Up Policy:** There is no make-up policy for this course. Students are expected to complete the course activities in a timely manner according to the required due dates. **The student is responsible for obtaining all missed materials and is responsible for meeting all upcoming due dates for assignments, quizzes, and exams, even if the student was absent when the assignment was given.** There will be **no make-up exams** given in any Pharmacy Technician Program courses unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor in response to extenuating circumstances. If a student misses one exam during the semester in any course, they may use their final exam grade in place of the missed exam grade. If any other exams are missed in any course, a grade of “0” will be given.

**Attendance Policy:** Students at COM are expected to attend and participate in every session of all courses for which they are registered. College of the Mainland recognizes no excused absences other than those prescribed by law.

The student will receive an attendance grade based on attendance and ACTIVE participation.

If absent, the student is responsible for contacting a classmate to obtain any assignments or materials. The student is responsible for all missed materials and upcoming quizzes/assignments on the assigned due date even if the assignment was given on the day the student was absent.

Note: nonattendance may affect financial aid. If a student fails to meet the attendance requirements, he or she may be recommended for withdrawal from the course. In the case of an anticipated absence, such as military deployment, the student should contact the instructor in advance and make arrangements to complete the required assignments. In case of an emergency (illness/accident or death in family), a student should contact the instructor as soon as possible providing documentation supporting the need for any late submission of a graded event.

**Tardiness Policy:** Class will start at the stated time. Students who are not in attendance at the start of class are considered tardy. Three tardies will constitute an absence and will impact the student's attendance/participation grade.

Any student arriving to class more than 10 minutes late will not be allowed to take a scheduled exam and will receive a grade of zero.

**Communicating with your instructor:** ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means.

The preferred method of contact is **com.edu email**. You may reach me at [lhomburg@com.edu](mailto:lhomburg@com.edu). I will respond within 24 hours of receiving your email, Monday through Friday. Emails sent on Fridays may not receive a response until Monday. If you need an immediate response on weekends or evenings, you may use my personal email, [lisahomburg@aol.com](mailto:lisahomburg@aol.com) or text me.

### **Student Learner Outcomes:**

**Core Objectives:** Students successfully completing this course will demonstrate competency in the following Core Objectives:

<b>Student Learner Outcome</b>	<b>Maps to Core Objective</b>	<b>Assessed via this Assignment</b>
Students will define various disease processes, patterns, and pathogenic organisms	Critical Thinking	Diabetes Case Study
Students will describe the various types of drugs utilized in the treatment of each disease	Communication-Oral	ADD and Alzheimer Case Study

**Academic Dishonesty:** Any incident of academic dishonesty will be dealt with in accordance with college policy and the Student Handbook. Academic dishonesty—such as cheating on exams, forging paperwork, or passing someone else's work off as your own, is an extremely serious offense and will result in a grade of zero on that exam/assignment and a referral to the appropriate office for disciplinary action. It may result in failure of the course and expulsion from the program.

**Student Concerns:** If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact Kay Carrier, Department Chair at 409-933-8414, or [kcarrier3@com.edu](mailto:kcarrier3@com.edu).

**Notice to Students Regarding Licensing:** Effective September 1, 2017, HB 1508 amends the Texas Occupations Code Section 53 that requires education providers to notify potential or enrolled students that a criminal history may make them ineligible for an occupational license upon program completion. The following website provides links to information about the licensing process and requirements: (<https://www.ptcb.org/get-certified/apply-for-cpht#.W34ziOhKjiU>, <https://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/> and [https://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/files\\_pdf/Licensure%20QA.pdf](https://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/files_pdf/Licensure%20QA.pdf)).

Should you wish to request a review of the impact of criminal history on your potential Pharmacy Technician Certification and Texas State Board of Pharmacy Registration prior to or during your quest for a degree, you can visit this link and request a “Criminal History Evaluation”: (<https://www.ptcb.org/> and <https://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/>).

COM is providing this information to all persons who apply or enroll in the program, with notice of the requirements as described above, regardless of whether or not the person has been convicted of a criminal offense. Additionally, HB 1508 authorizes licensing agencies to require reimbursements when a student fails to receive the required notice.

## **Course Structure**

This course will be delivered face-to-face with assignments/quizzes/exams delivered online through the course management system D2L Brightspace. You will use your COM account to log in to the course from the D2L Brightspace login page - <https://com.brightspace.com/>. If you have not activated your COM account, please visit <https://webadvisor.com.edu>.

In D2L Brightspace, you will access online lessons, course materials, and resources. At designated times throughout the semester, students will participate in activities which may consist of but not be limited to quizzes, exams, questions/assignments, chat, blogs, discussion forums, email, journaling, blogging, wikis, and web posting using D2L Brightspace and/or alternative Internet-based technologies.

To access this course on D2L Brightspace you will need access to the Internet and a supported Web browser (Chrome, Firefox, Safari). To ensure that you are using the recommended personal computer configurations, please refer to the course requirements section in this syllabus.

## PHRA 1404 Course Outline

Week 1	Jan 13	Syllabus/Course Outline Chapter 15 Urinary Incontinence, BPH and UTI Urinary Incontinence, BPH, and UTI Quiz Due Jan 23 Urinary Incontinence, BPH, and UTI Pronunciation Lab Due Jan 23 Urinary Incontinence, BPH, and UTI Drug Cards Due Jan 23
	Jan 16	Chapter 15 Urinary Incontinence, BPH and UTI Urinary Incontinence, BPH, and UTI Quiz Due Jan 23 Urinary Incontinence, BPH, and UTI Pronunciation Lab Due Jan 23 Urinary Incontinence, BPH, and UTI Drug Cards Due Jan 23
Week 2	Jan 20	Holiday-MLK Jr. Day
	Jan 23	<b>Quiz - Urinary Incontinence, BPH, and UTI</b> <b>Drug Cards - Urinary Incontinence, BPH, and UTI</b> <b>Pronunciation Lab Urinary Incontinence, BPH, and UTI</b> Chapter 13 Thyroid, and Chapter 14 Male Hormones Thyroid Drug Cards Due Jan 27 Thyroid Drug Quiz Due Jan 27 Thyroid Pronunciation Lab Due Jan 27
Week 3	Jan 27	<b>Quiz: Thyroid Drugs</b> <b>Drug Cards: Thyroid Drugs</b> <b>Pronunciation Lab Thyroid Drugs</b> Chapter 14 Female Hormones Female Hormone Drug Cards Due Jan 30 Female Hormones Quiz Due Jan 30 Female Hormones Pronunciation Lab Due Jan 30
	Jan 30	<b>Quiz- Female Hormones</b> <b>Drug Cards- Female Hormones</b> <b>Pronunciation Lab Female Hormones</b> Chapter 13 Corticosteroids and Chapter 6 Osteoporosis Osteoporosis, Corticosteroid Drug Cards Due Feb 3 Osteoporosis, Corticosteroids Quiz Due Feb 3 Osteoporosis, Corticosteroid Pronunciation Lab Due Feb 3
Week 4	Feb 3	<b>Quiz - Osteoporosis, Corticosteroids</b> <b>Drug Cards - Osteoporosis, Corticosteroids</b> <b>Pronunciation Lab Osteoporosis, Corticosteroids</b> Chapter 13 Diabetes Diabetes Drug Cards Due Feb 6 Diabetes Medications Quiz Due Feb 6 Diabetes Meds Pronunciation Lab Due Feb 6

	Feb 6	<b>Quiz - Diabetes Medications</b> <b>Drug Cards - Diabetes Medications</b> <b>Pronunciation Lab - Diabetes Meds Pronunciation</b> Chapter 13 Diabetes-Insulin <b>Assignment:</b> Insulin Drug Cards Due Feb 10 Insulin Quiz Due Feb 10 Insulin Pronunciation Lab Due Feb 10
Week5	Feb 10	<b>Quiz - Insulin</b> <b>Drug Cards- Insulin</b> <b>Pronunciation - Lab Insulin</b> Case Study: Diabetes Lab and Handout: Using a Blood Glucose Monitor
	Feb 13	<b>EXAM 1-Chapter 13, 14 and 6</b>
Week 6	Feb 17	Chapter 6 Muscle Relaxants, Inflammation and Swelling Muscle Relaxers/Non-narcotics Drug Cards Due Feb 20 Muscle Relaxers/Non-narcotics Quiz Due Feb 20 Muscle Relaxers/Non-narcotic Pronunciation Lab Due Feb 20
	Feb 20	<b>Quiz - Muscle Relaxers/Non-narcotics</b> <b>Drug Cards - Muscle Relaxers/Non-narcotics</b> <b>Pronunciation Lab - Muscle Relaxers/Non-narcotic</b> Chapter 6 Arthritis Conditions (NSAIDS) <b>Assignment:</b> NSAIDS Drug Cards Due Feb 24 NSAIDS Quiz Due Feb 24 NSAIDS Pronunciation Lab Due Feb 24
Week 7	Feb 24	<b>Quiz -NSAIDS</b> <b>Drug Cards -NSAIDS</b> <b>Pronunciation Lab - NSAIDS</b> <b>PowerPoint:</b> Chapter 6 Rheumatoid Arthritis (DMARDS) and Gout <b>Assignment:</b> DMARD and Gout Drug Cards Due Feb 27 DMARDS and Gout Quiz Due Feb 27 DMARDS and Gout Pronunciation Lab Due Feb 27
	Feb 27	<b>Quiz - DMARDS and Gout</b> <b>Drug Cards - DMARDS and Gout</b> <b>Pronunciation Lab DMARDS and Gout</b> Chapter 5 Skin Conditions and Topical Steroids Skin Conditions and Topical Steroid Drug Cards Due Mar 3 Skin Conditions and Topical Steroids Quiz Due Mar 3 Skin Conditions and Topical Steroids Pronunciation Lab Due Mar 3

Week 8 <b>SCHEDULE MID_SEMSTER MEETING</b>	Mar 3	<b>Quiz – Skin Conditions and Topical Steroids</b> <b>Drug Cards – Skin Conditions and Topical Steroids</b> <b>Pronunciation Lab Skin Conditions and Topical Steroids</b> Chapter 9 Ophthalmic/Glaucoma/Otic Ophthalmic/Glaucoma/Otic Drug Cards Due Mar 6 Ophthalmic/Glaucoma and Otic Quiz Due Mar 6 Ophthalmic/Glaucoma/Otic Pronunciation Lab Due Mar 6
	Mar 6	<b>Quiz - Ophthalmic/Glaucoma and Otic</b> <b>Drug Cards - Ophthalmic/Glaucoma and Otic</b> <b>Pronunciation Lab: Ophthalmic/Glaucoma/Otic</b>
Week 9	Mar 10	Review for Exam 2
	Mar 14	<b>EXAM 2 Chapters 5, 6 and 9</b>
	Mar-17-23	SPRING BREAK
Week 10	Mar 24	Chapter 7 Nervous System Disorders-Anticonvulsants-Epilepsy Anticonvulsant Drug Cards Due Mar 27 Anticonvulsant Drug Quiz Due Mar 27 Anticonvulsant Pronunciation Lab Due Mar 27
	Mar 27	<b>QUIZ - Anticonvulsant Drugs</b> <b>Drug Cards - Anticonvulsant Drugs</b> <b>Pronunciation Lab - Anticonvulsant</b> Chapter 7 Nervous System Disorders-- Parkinson's and Alzheimer's Parkinson's and Alzheimer Drug Cards Due Mar 31 QUIZ Parkinson's and Alzheimer Quiz Due Mar 31 Parkinson's and Alzheimer Pronunciation Lab Due Mar 31
Week 11	Mar 31	<b>QUIZ - Parkinson's and Alzheimer</b> <b>Drug Cards - Parkinson's and Alzheimer</b> <b>Pronunciation Lab Parkinson's and Alzheimer</b> Chapter 7 Nervous System Disorders- <u>ADD -Case Study</u> ADD Drug Cards Due Apr 3 ADD Drug Quiz Due Apr 3 ADD Drugs Pronunciation Lab Due Apr 3
	Apr 3	<b>Quiz - ADD Drugs</b> <b>Drug Cards - ADD Drugs</b> <b>Pronunciation Lab ADD Drugs</b> Weight Loss Medications
Week 12	Apr 7	<b>Review for Exam</b>
	Apr 10	<b>Exam Chapter 7</b>
Week 13	Apr 14	Chapter 20 Chemotherapy Drugs
	Apr 17	PowerPoint: Chapter 16 Breast Cancer, Hormonal Therapy and Targeted Therapies

Week 14	Apr 21	Vitamins, Minerals, Poisons and Antidotes, Emergency Procedures
	Apr 24	Interview Presentation-Career Services (Participation Grade)
Week 15	Apr 28	Interview Presentation- Career Services (Participation Grade)
	May 1	Review for Final Exam
Week 16	May 8	Final Exam

**Important Note:** This syllabus, along with course assignments and due dates, are subject to change. It is the student's responsibility to check D2L for corrections or updates to the syllabus. Any changes will be clearly noted in a course announcement or through email.



## **Institutional Policies and Guidelines**

**Grade Appeal Process:** Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook [https://www.com.edu/student-services/docs/Student\\_Handbook\\_2024-2025\\_v2.pdf](https://www.com.edu/student-services/docs/Student_Handbook_2024-2025_v2.pdf). *An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.*

**Academic Success & Support Services:** College of the Mainland is committed to providing students with the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

**ADA Statement:** Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodation is requested to contact:

Kimberly Lachney, Student Accessibility Services Coordinator

Phone: 409-933-8919

Email: [AccessibilityServices@com.edu](mailto:AccessibilityServices@com.edu)

Location: COM Doyle Family Administration Building, Student Success Center

**Textbook Purchasing Statement:** A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

**Withdrawal Policy:** Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a "W" grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw from the 1<sup>st</sup> 8-week session is February 26. The last date to withdraw from the 16-week session is April 21. The last date to withdraw for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-week session is April 30.

**FN Grading:** The FN grade is issued in cases of *failure due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The FN grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the FN grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an FN grade.

**Early Alert Program:** The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

**Resources to Help with Stress:**

If you are experiencing stress or anxiety about your daily living needs including food, housing or just feel you could benefit from free resources to help you through a difficult time, please click here <https://www.com.edu/community-resource-center/>. College of the Mainland has partnered with free community resources to help you stay on track with your schoolwork, by addressing life issues that get in the way of doing your best in school. All services are private and confidential. You may also contact the Dean of Students office at [deanofstudents@com.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@com.edu) or [communityresources@com.edu](mailto:communityresources@com.edu).

**Nondiscrimination Statement:**

The College District prohibits discrimination, including harassment, against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, veteran status, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and gender expression), or any other basis prohibited by law. Retaliation against anyone involved in the complaint process is a violation of College District policy.