

# Welcome to Medication Math

### **Basic Course Information**

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Class Times:	Online	Emergency Contact:	Nursing Office 760-355-6348
Units:	1	Class Format:	Online

### **Course Description**

This course focuses on those components of safe medication calculation and administration. The emphasis is on accuracy of calculation and the critical thinking evolved in client safety. This is an intense class on med math calculations that is required of all nursing majors. Clinical application is integrated into the clinical nursing courses. (CSU)

### **Course Prerequisite(s) and/or Corequisite(s)**

None

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this class the student will be able to: Demonstrate understanding by passing a comprehensive final exam on dosage calculations at 78% or higher and overall grade for course of 78% or higher. (ILO2, ILO4) (ILO2, ILO4)

### **Course Objectives**

Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Calculate basic mathematic problems including addition, subtraction, multiplication & division of fractions & decimals.

- 2. Convert metric, apothecary and household measures accurately.
- 3. Solve dosage problems using dimensional analysis
- 4. calculate adult & pediatric dosages
- 5. calculate intravenous flow rates
- 6. Interpret drug orders and labels relevant to the safe administration of drugs,
- 7. Discuss the "Seven rights" of clients relative to administration of medications.
- 8. Describe the routes of administration, po, IM, IV



# **Textbooks & Other Resources or Links**

Dosage Calc 360 4-Year Access. Sandra Luz Martinez de Castillo, Maryanne Werner-McCulloug. FA Davis 2019, ISBN 9780803677135 <u>https://www.favis.com/product/calculating-drug-calculating-nursing-math-castillo-online-access-2</u>

### **Course Requirements and Instructional Methods**

During the 2023 Winter Session, NURS100 is offered as an online class. Classroom work:

- Weekly modules and assignments open on Sunday 1200am and are due on Friday @11pm
- The student is expected to log into the class at least 3-4 times per week.
- Tests: There will be exams covering the topics reviewed online in the weekly modules. They will be taken in Canvas with Proctorio.

### THERE ARE NO MAKE-UP EXAMS REGARDLESS OF EXCUSE.

### Assignments:

There will be homework assignments from the required Dosage Calc 360 (FA Davis) online site. These are part of your grade. These assignments will be outlines in Canvas. The assignment will cover the topics discussed in modules and on Dosage Calc 360.

A student shall treat this course like a job.

There will be:

- ⇒ Homework: Chapter assignments in Dosage Calc 360 (points are assigned by the activity) overall percentage (100 points)
- $\Rightarrow$  Weekly discussions (10 points each)
- $\Rightarrow$  Weekly Exams (25-35 points each)
- 1 Final Exam (100 points )

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### Tests:

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Late work will be accepted with a 10% deduction per day, until Sunday of the following week. After Monday late work will not be accepted.

Online and Hybrid courses must demonstrate compliance with the IVC **<u>Regular and Effective Contact Policy</u>** <u>for Distance Education.</u>

# **Out of Class Assignments:**

The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement.



Honorlock will proctor your exams this semester. Honorlock is an online proctoring service that allows you to take your exam from the comfort of your home. You DO NOT need to create an account or schedule an appointment in advance. Honorlock is available 24/7, and all that is required is a computer, a working webcam/microphone, your ID, and a stable internet connection.

To get started, you will need Google Chrome and download the <u>Honorlock Chrome Extension (Links to an</u> external site.).

When you are ready to complete your assessment, log into Canvas, go to your course, and click on your exam. Clicking "Launch Proctoring" will begin the Honorlock authentication process, where you will take a picture of yourself, show your ID, and complete a scan of your room. Honorlock will be recording your exam session through your webcam, microphone, and recording your screen. Honorlock also has an integrity algorithm that can detect search-engine use, so please do not attempt to search for answers, even if it's on a secondary device.

Honorlock support is available 24/7/365. If you encounter any issues, you may contact them through live chat on the support page (Links to an external site.) or within the exam itself. Some guides you should review are <u>Honorlock MSRs (Links to an external site</u>.), Student FAQ (Links to an external site<u>.), Honorlock Knowledge</u> <u>Base (Links to an external site.)</u>, and <u>How to Use Honorlock Student Guide</u>

# **Course Grading Based on Course Objectives**

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This is a nursing course therefore the grading is per the nursing department grading scales.

Student must pass the FINAL EXAM to pass the course. The grading for the course uses nursing criteria.

# Attendance and Course Policies

The below information is the IVC attendance policy.

• A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student's status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student's responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See General Catalog for details.

• Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. Student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.



• Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as 'excused' absences.

What does it mean to "attend" an online class? Attendance is critical to student success and for IVC to use federal aid funds. Acceptable indications of attendance are:

- Student submission of an academic assignment
- Student submission of an exam
- Student participation in an instructor-led Zoom conference
- Documented student interaction with class postings, such as an interactive tutorial or computer-assisted instruction via modules
- A posting by the student showing the student's participation in an assignment created by the instructor
- A posting by the student in a discussion forum showing the student's participation in an online discussion about academic matters

 An email from the student or other documentation showing that the student has initiated contact with a faculty member to ask a question about an academic subject studied in the course.

# Logging onto Canvas alone is NOT adequate to demonstrate academic attendance by the student.

# **Online Etiquette**

[Required Information for web-enhanced, hybrid and online courses: Describe your policies regarding netiquette. The below is suggested language and may be modified for your course.]

• What is netiquette? Netiquette is internet manners, online etiquette, and digital etiquette all rolled into one word. Basically, netiquette is a set of rules for behaving properly online.

- Students are to comply with the following rules of netiquette:
- (1) identify yourself,
- (2) include a subject line,
- (3) avoid sarcasm,
- (4) respect others' opinions and privacy,
- (5) acknowledge and return messages promptly,
- (6) copy with caution,
- (7) do not spam or junk mail,
- (8) be concise,
- (9) use appropriate language,
- (10) use appropriate emoticons (emotional icons) to help convey meaning, and

(11) use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning [do not use ALL CAPS or multiple exclamation marks (!!!!)].



# How am I expected to act in an online "classroom" (especially Zoom)?

Attending a virtual meeting can be a challenge when there are many students on one conference call. Participating in such meetings may count as class attendance, but disruptive behavior may also result in you not being admitted to future meetings. Follow the tips below for best results:

### 1) Be RESPECTFUL

a. Your written, verbal, and non-verbal communications should be respectful and focused on the learning topics of the class.

# 2) Find a QUIET LOCATION & SILENCE YOUR PHONE (if zooming)

a. People walking around and pets barking can be a distraction.

# 3) EAT AT A DIFFERENT TIME.

a. Crunching food or chugging drinks is distracting for others.

b. Synchronous zoom times are set in advance so reserve meals for outside class meetings.

### 4) ADJUST YOUR LIGHTING SO THAT OTHERS CAN SEE YOU

a. It is hard to see you in dim lighting so find a location with light.

b. If your back is to a bright window, you will be what is called "backlit" and not only is it hard on the eyes (glare) but you look like a silhouette.

# 5) POSITION THE CAMERA SO THAT YOUR FACE AND EYES ARE SHOWING

a. If you are using the camera, show your face; it helps others see your non-verbal cues.

b. You may be at home, but meeting in pajamas or shirtless is not appropriate so dress suitably. Comb your hair, clean your teeth, fix your clothes, etc. before your meeting time to show self-respect and respect for others.

# 6) Be READY TO LEARN AND PAY ATTENTION

a. Catch up on other emails or other work later. b. If you are Zooming, silence your phone and put it away. c. If you are in a room with a TV – turn it off.

# 7) USE YOUR MUTE BUTTON WHEN IN LOUD PLACES OR FOR DISTRACTIONS

a. Pets barking, children crying, sneezing, coughing, etc. can happen unexpectedly. It's best if you conference in a private space, but if you can't find a quiet place, when noises arise MUTE your laptop.

# 8) REMEMBER TO UNMUTE WHEN SPEAKING

a. Follow your instructor's directions about using the "raise hand" icon or chat function to be recognized and to speak, but make sure you have unmuted your device.

b. Do not speak when someone else is speaking.

# 9) REMAIN FOCUSED AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING

a. Especially when the camera is on YOU, we can all see your actions. Engage in the meeting. Look at the camera. Listen to instruction. Answer questions when asked.

b. Do not use the Zoom meeting to meet with your peers or put on a "show" for them.



10) PAUSE YOUR VIDEO IF MOVING OR DOING SOMETHING DISTRACTING a. Emergencies happen. If you need to leave the room or get up and move about, stop your video.

# **Academic Honesty**

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

o Plagiarism is taking and presenting as one's own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to "cite a source" correctly, you must askfor help.

o Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment, or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the General Catalog for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to, the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment; (c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment; (e) using a commercial term paper service.

# How do I show academic honesty and integrity in an online "classroom"?

 $\Rightarrow$  KEEP YOUR PASSWORDS CONFIDENTIAL.

o You have a unique password to access online software like Canvas. Never allow someone else to login to your account.

⇒ COMPLETE YOUR OWN COURSEWORK. o When you register for an online class and log-in to Canvas, you do so with the understanding that you will produce your own work, take your own exams, and will do so without the assistance of others (unless directed by the instructor).

# Examples of Academic Dishonesty that can occur in an online environment:

- Copying from others on a quiz, test, examination, or assignment;
- Allowing someone else to copy your answers on a quiz, test, exam, or assignment;
- Having someone else take an exam or quiz for you;



- Conferring with others during a test or quiz (if the instructor didn't explicitly say it was a group project, then he/she expects you to do the work without conferring with others);
- Buying or using a term paper or research paper from an internet source or other company or taking any work of another, even with permission, and presenting the work as your own;
- Excessive revising or editing by others that substantially alters your final work;
- Sharing information that allows other students an advantage on an exam (such as telling a peer what to expect on a make-up exam or prepping a student for a test in another section of the same class);

Taking and using the words, work, or ideas of others and presenting any of these as your own work is
plagiarism. This applies to all work generated by another, whether it be oral, written, or artistic work.
Plagiarism may either be deliberate or unintentional.

### **IVC Student Resources**

IVC wants you to be successful in all aspects of your education. For help, resources, services, and an explanation of policies, visit <u>http://www.imperial.edu/studentresources</u> or click the heart icon in Canvas.

### **Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar**

Date or Week	Activity, Assignment, and/or Topic	Pages/ Due Dates/Tests
Week 1	Student will be learning:	
<u>Review:</u>	Students will be introduced to the online course	
	environment, Syllabus, Introduction, IVC policies	
	and procedures. Students will also learn more	
	about their online classmates.	
	How to convert between household measurements	
	to metric system measurements.	
	Recognize that drugs dosages are measured in	
	units, milliequivalents, grams, micrograms and	
	milligrams. $\Rightarrow$ Components of administering	
	medications	
	This week students will learn how to solve dosage	
	calculation problems using Dimensional Analysis.	
	Week 1 Objectives:	
	By the end of this unit, students will be able to:	
	$\Rightarrow$ Read & Understand the Syllabus	
	$\Rightarrow$ Complete the Getting Started module	
	$\Rightarrow$ Enroll and learn the Dosage Calc 360 online	
	$\Rightarrow$ Know more about your fellow online classmates	
	$\Rightarrow$ List the commonly used units of measure in the metric	Dosage Calc 360 Online
	system.	

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	$\Rightarrow$ Express metric weights and volumes using correct	
	notation rules.	
	$\Rightarrow$ Convert metric weights and volumes within the system.	
	$\Rightarrow$ Recognize dosages:	
	o Measured in units.	
	o Measured as percentages.	
	o Using ratio strengths.	
	o Measured in milliequivalents.	
	o In household measures.	
	o In the apothecary measures	
	$\Rightarrow$ prepare solutions from powdered drugs using directions	
	printed on vial labels. prepare solutions from powdered	
	drugs using drug literature or inserts.	
	$\Rightarrow$ determine the expiration date and time for	
	reconstituted drugs.	
	Learn and understand the dimensional analysis method of	
	dosage and drug calculations.	
	Week 1 Assignment	
	1. Purchase the textbook:	
	2. This is the e-book and online activities that you will be	
	using. I have put the Instructions in the Modules on how to	
	register	
	3. Read & Understand the Syllabus	
	4. Read & Understand the Getting Started Module and	
	Course Policies	
	5. Read & Understand Week 1 Module.	
	6. Read Chapter 1 and participate in the Assignment #1 in	
	Canvas on M1 Basic Math in Dosage Calc 360	
	7. Complete the following on CANVAS and Dosage Calc 360	
	$\Rightarrow$ Review the PowerPoints for <b>M2 Safety in</b>	
	Medication Administration, M3 Systems of	
	Measurement, M6 Dimensional Analysis	
	$\Rightarrow$ Review the Exercises	
	$\Rightarrow$ There is a discussion this week.	
	$\Rightarrow \text{ Review power points}$ $\Rightarrow \text{ Study Guides posted}$	
	$\Rightarrow$ Study Guides posted	
	8. Complete Exercise Assignments on <b>Dosage Calc 360</b>	
	Online Program	
	9.Complete Exam #1 in CANVAS Quiz	



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	Students will be learning:	
Week 2	$\Rightarrow$ This week students will learn how to prepare	
Overview:	medications using oral, parenteral and powder forms of	
	drugs and how to calculate the appropriate amounts	
	from the problems listed in the study guides.	
	$\Rightarrow$ Recognize that drugs dosages are measured in units,	
	milliequivalents, grams, micrograms and milligrams.	
	$\Rightarrow$ Components of administering medications	
	$\Rightarrow$ Students will learn the importance of calculating	
	pediatric dosages correctly	
	$\Rightarrow$ Intravenous (IV) solutions, how to calculate IV flow rates	
	using gravity and by using electronic infusion devices.	
	Reading a drug label to be able to determine how the	
	dosages will be calculated	
	Week 2 Objectives:	
	By the end of this week students will be able to:	
	$\Rightarrow$ List the commonly used units of measure in the metric	
	system.	
	$\Rightarrow$ Express metric weights and volumes using correct	
	notation rules.	
	$\Rightarrow$ Convert metric weights and volumes within the system.	
	$\Rightarrow$ Recognize dosages:	
	o Measured in units.	
	o Measured as percentages.	
	o Using ratio strengths. o Measured in milliequivalents.	
	o In household measures.	
	o In the apothecary measures	
	$\Rightarrow$ differentiate between primary, secondary, peripheral,	
	and central IV lines.	
	$\Rightarrow$ explain the function of IV drip chambers, roller and slide	
	clamps, and on-line and indwelling injection ports.	
	differentiate between volumetric pumps, syringe	
	pumps, and PCAs.	
	$\Rightarrow$ identify the abbreviations used for IV fluid orders.	
	$\Rightarrow$ identify the calibrations in gtt/mL (drops/mL) on IV	
	administration sets.	
	$\Rightarrow$ calculate flow rates using dimensional analysis.	
	$\Rightarrow$ flow rates to infuse ordered dosages.	Dosage Calc 360 Online



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	<ul> <li>⇒ heparin dosages.</li> <li>⇒ mL/hr flow rates for an Electronic Infusion Device (EID) or IV pump.</li> <li>⇒ explain how suspensions are measured and administered.</li> <li>Week 2 Assignment:         <ul> <li>⇒ Review the study guide for Week 2</li> <li>⇒ Review the PowerPoints for M8 Calculating Oral Medication Doses, M9 Syringes and Needles, M10 Calculating Parenteral Medication Dosages, M11 Preparing Powdered Parenteral Medications</li> <li>⇒ Review and complete the Exercises on M8,9,10,11</li> <li>⇒ There is a discussion this week.</li> <li>⇒ Complete the Week 2 exam in Canvas</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<u>Week 3</u> Overview:	Student will be learning:       This week students will learn         how to prepare medications using oral, parenteral and         powder forms of drugs and how to calculate the         appropriate amounts from the problems listed in the study         guides.         Week 3 Objectives:         By the end of this week students will be able to:         ⇒ prepare solutions from powdered drugs using directions         printed on vial labels. prepare solutions from powdered         drugs using drug literature or inserts.         ⇒ determine the expiration date and time for         reconstituted drugs.         ⇒ calculate dosages for reconstituted drugs, oral         medications in solid and liquid form and medications         measured in milliequivalents         ⇒ calculate average parenteral dosages from the labels         provided	
	WEEK 3 Assignment:	Dosage Calc 360 Online



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	$\Rightarrow$ Read M13 Calculating for IV Medications and Infusions,	
	M14 Administering Direct IV Meds, M15 Verifying Safe	
	Dose	
	$\Rightarrow$ Review power points in Week 3	
	$\Rightarrow$ Study Guides posted in Week 3	
	$\Rightarrow$ Complete Assignment Week 3	
	$\Rightarrow$ Complete Exam #3 in Canvas	
Week 4	<b>Student will be learning:</b> This week the students will start	
Overview:	to learn about intravenous (IV) titration solutions, how to	
	calculate IV flow rates using gravity and by using electronic	
	infusion devices. The student will also learn to calculate	
	intake and output, and how to calculate for special	
	populations.	
	Week 4 Objectives:	
	By the end of this unit, students will be able to:	
	$\Rightarrow$ differentiate between primary, secondary, peripheral,	
	and central IV lines.	
	$\Rightarrow$ explain the function of IV drip chambers, roller and slide	
	clamps, and on-line and indwelling injection ports.	
	differentiate between volumetric pumps, syringe	
	pumps, and PCAs.	
	$\Rightarrow$ identify the abbreviations used for IV fluid orders.	
	$\Rightarrow$ identify the calibrations in gtt/mL (drops/mL) on IV	
	administration sets.	
	$\Rightarrow$ calculate flow rates using dimensional analysis.	
	$\Rightarrow$ flow rates to infuse ordered dosages.	
	$\Rightarrow$ heparin dosages.	
	$\Rightarrow$ mL/hr flow rates for an Electronic Infusion Device (EID)	
	or IV pump.	
	WEEK 4 Assignment:	
	$\Rightarrow$ Review the study guides and videos for the study guides	
	for Week 4 IV's.	Dosage Calc 360 Online



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	Intraveous Medications, M17 Calculating Intake and	
	Output, and M18 Calculating for Special Populations	
	$\Rightarrow$ Review the Exercises in Dosage Calc 360	
	$\Rightarrow$ Complete the Week 4 exam and discussion on Canvas.	
<u>Week 5</u>	Student will be learning: This week students will learn the	
<u>Overview:</u>	importance of calculating dosages correctly	
	Week 5 Objectives	
	Week 5 Objectives: By the end of this unit, students will be able to:	
	$\Rightarrow$ explain how suspensions are measured and	
	administered.	
	$\Rightarrow$ calculate pediatric oral dosages.	
	$\Rightarrow$ list the precautions of IM and subcutaneous injection in	
	infants and children.	
	$\Rightarrow$ calculate pediatric IM and subcutaneous dosages.	
	$\Rightarrow$ list the steps in preparing and administering IV	
	medications from a solution bag.	
	$\Rightarrow$ explain why a flush is included in IV medication	
	administration.	
	$\Rightarrow$ calculate flow rates for the administration of pediatric	
	IV medications.	
	$\Rightarrow$ use normal daily and hourly dosage ranges to calculate	
	and assess dosages ordered.	
	$\Rightarrow$ dosages and flow rates based on kg body weight	
	WEEK 5 Assignment:	
	$\Rightarrow$ Review the study guides and videos for the study guides	
	for Week 5 peds and intake and output and conidiations	
	for special populations to prepare for FINAL EXAM	
	$\Rightarrow$ Review the PowerPoints	
	$\Rightarrow$ Review the Exercises in Dosage Calc 360	
	$\Rightarrow$ Complete the Week 4 exam and discussion on Canvas	
		Dosage Calc 360 Online
Week 6	Student will be learning: This week students will review	
Overview:	for the final exam	Dosage Calc 360 Online
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	Week 5 Objectives:	
	By the end of this unit, students will be able to: ⇒ Take final exam and score at least a 78% per nursing	
	standards	
	$\Rightarrow$ Complete final exam in Canvas	

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