

 Yukon University	School of Health, Education and Human Services
	NURS 1301: Mathematical Principles of Medication Administration
	Term: Fall 2026 Number of Credits: 3
Course Outline	

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The ability to perform dosage calculations correctly is essential to safe nursing practice. This course provides an overview of mathematical concepts and operations foundational to medication administration. The course includes a review of basic mathematics followed by an examination of measurement systems; document use and medication orders; oral and parenteral medication calculations; and calculations regarding solutions and intravenous infusions. Proficiency in this course underpins safe nursing practice.

Requisites: None

Equivalents: None

Credits: 3

Hours: 45

Eligible for PLAR: Yes

EQUIVALENCY OR TRANSFERABILITY

Receiving institutions determine course transferability. Find further information at:

<https://www.yukonu.ca/admissions/transfer-credit>

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

1	Perform and evaluate dosage calculations.
2	Perform calculations related to intravenous solutions.
3	Use documents related to medication administration.
4	Use correct terms and notation regarding medication administration.
5	Evaluate and discuss medication related issues that affect safety.

ASSESSMENT

Course Learning Outcome(s)	Assessment	Weight
1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Learning Activities	30%
1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Exam 1	35%
1, 2, 3, 4, 5	Exam 2	35%

Important: For details on each assessment, please see the Course Offering Information.

A minimum grade of D is required to pass this course. However, a program may require a higher grade in this course to progress in the program or to meet specific program completion requirements.

An overall minimum final mark for this course must be **80%** to pass this course.

Please consult with the program area or contact the program chair for further details. A minimum Grade Point Average of 2.0 is required for graduation.

DELIVERY FORMAT

This course is delivered using various modalities, with both in-person and online (some synchronous and some asynchronous) components. Note that the delivery format is subject to change.

COURSE MODULES AND SCHEDULE

**Course schedule subject to change, depending on delivery mode and term of study. For more details, please consult the Course Offering Information and other course documents in Moodle.*

HOURS/WEEK	MODULE
3 Hours	Basic Mathematics
3 Hours	Systems of measurement and conversions
3 Hours	Calculation methods for determining drug dosages
1.5 Hours	Dosage measurement equipment
1.5 Hours	Use of documents in medication administration
3 Hours	Medication orders and administration records
3 Hours	Medication labels
6 Hours	Calculating oral medication dosages
6 Hours	Calculating parenteral medication dosages
6 Hours	Reconstitution of solutions
3 Hours	Dosages based on body weight
6 Hours	Intravenous solutions, equipment, and calculations

COURSE WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION

Refer to the YukonU website for important dates

Required TEXTBOOKS & LEARNING MATERIALS

Pickar, G. D., Abernathy, A. P., Swart, B., Davis, M., & O'Connell, J. (2025). *Dosage Calculations* (6th Canadian ed.). Cengage Canada.

Additional learning resources may be found in the Course Offering Information or in Moodle.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

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