

AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HPRS 2300 Pharmacology for Health Professions
Challenge Information Instructions

1. Contact the department, 223-5911, on the EVC campus. If you have ever registered for this course @ACC you may not challenge. Even though you have dropped.
2. Obtain a copy of the textbook, titled, Pharmacology for Health Professionals by Hitner or any good Pharmacology textbook to use for review along with a drug reference book.
3. A challenge form is obtained from Admissions & Records for a departmental signature.
4. Obtain signature from the department chair and assigned instructor for the exam.
5. A fee of \$30 is charged for this challenge exam process by the college. The exams must be taken within ten days of paying the fee. This fee is not refundable. This is paid to the Bursar's Office on campus. Keep your fee receipt.
6. Bring to the department chair a copy of the receipt along with the signed challenge form.
7. Return the signed form to Admissions and records for their signature. This is to prove that the student has not already taken the course. Students will not be able to challenge a course for which they have been enrolled in.
8. Take your photo ID and ACC ID to the EVC testing center and you will be given the exams. A completion date will be given by the department.
9. Allow time to complete the 2-part exam. It is designed to test your knowledge on Pharmacology concepts that pertain to body systems and disease processes. It includes general information about various drug classifications, their uses, actions, adverse reactions, and any particular implication that may be necessary for proper and safe administration. The examination will also test knowledge of the sources of drugs, dosage forms, and methods of administration.
10. The examination is composed of multiple choice, true/false, and matching questions. The matching section consists of pairing the drug name (generic or brand) with the appropriate classification of drug. There are 30 drug names to be matched with the classification of the drug. These are the top 150 drugs used in the United States.
11. The second part of the examination is composed of common abbreviations, conversions, and dosage calculation problems. The exam includes medication problems that are similar to those encountered in a clinical setting. For this portion of the exam, Dimensional Analysis for Meds by Curren is a good source of information.
12. Common abbreviations used in Pharmacology must be reviewed for this examination. Conversion (common equivalents) must be memorized for the dosage portion of the examination. The dosage exam will consist of conversions, basic dosage problems, reconstitution, basic and advanced IV dosage problems.
13. The college requirement for credit by challenge examination is a minimum **grade of "B"**. No credit for grades below 80%.

14. Examinations will be graded within a few days of the exam completion, unless arrangements are made to have the final grade earlier than this time frame. Only valid reasons will be considered for special requests.
15. The final grade will be forwarded to the ACC Registrar's Office and recorded by the appropriate procedure on the student's transcript if the grade was a B or A. **The student must be in the ACC computer and enrolled in the college.**
16. You will take one comprehensive exam. Ask for the **HPRS 2300, Pharmacology for Health Professions** Challenge Exam by Dr. R. R. Espinosa. **Send to Dr. Espinosa for grading @ EVC.** Put under section # Challenge exam on your student test request and grade form. Take a #2 pencil with you they will give you a scantron and a special answer sheet.
17. **You must be a current ACC student with at least 1 hour of credit to take this exam.**
18. In order to take this exam, you must meet the established pre-requisites for the course. The pre-requisites can be found in the college catalog.

Good Luck!

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