



You must print out your own course materials! None will be available at the class. Click on the link below to access:

www.tchpeducation.com/coursebooks/coursebooks_main.htm

If the link does not work, copy and paste the link (web page address) into your internet browser. Available 1 week prior to class.

Pharmacology for APRN's
May 17th, 2012
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Minneapolis VA Health Care System
Main Auditorium

Description/Purpose Statement

Prescribing medications has become a major part of the role of the advanced practice nurse. This program is designed to enhance your ability to safely and effectively prescribe medications for your patients.

Topics that will be covered in this program include:

- Safe and effective prescribing
- Pain management
- Sleep disorders
- Issues in geriatrics
- Issues in cardiology
- Hot topics in pharmacology including:
 - Drug shortages
 - Direct to consumer marketing
 - And other issues

Target Audience

This class is designed for Advanced Practice Nurses who prescribe medications; however other health professionals are welcome to attend.

Schedule:

7:30 - 7:45 a.m.	Registration	
7:45 - 9:15 a.m.	Safe and Effective Prescribing	Anne Spenningsby
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.	Break	
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Pain	EJ Jones
10:30 - 11:25 a.m.	Sleep Disorders	Wendy Meyers
11:30 - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Issues in Geriatrics	Maureen Wixsten
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Issues in Cardiology	Connie Jaenicke
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Break	
2:45 - 4:00 p.m.	Hot Topics in Pharmacology	Eric Geurkink

Continuing Education Credit

<p>For attending this class, you are eligible to receive:</p>	<p>8.4 Minnesota Board of Nursing contact hours / 7.0 ANCC contact hours.</p> <p>Criteria for successful completion: All participants must attend the program and complete the evaluation form to receive contact hours. If you are an ANCC certified nurse, you must attend the ENTIRE activity to receive contact hours for it.</p> <p>The Twin Cities Health Professionals Education Consortium is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Wisconsin Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.</p>
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Please Read!

- Check the attached map for directions to the class and assistance with parking.
- Certificates of attendance will be distributed at the end of the day.
- You should dress in layers to accommodate fluctuations in room temperature.
- Food, beverages, and parking costs are your responsibility.
- If you are unable to attend after registering, please notify the Education Department at your hospital or TCHP at 612-873-2225.
- In the case of bad weather, call the TCHP office at 612-873-2225 and check the answering message to see if a class has been cancelled. If a class has been cancelled, the message will be posted by 5:30 a.m. on the day of the program.
- More complete class information is available on the TCHP website at www.tchpeducation.com.

Minneapolis VA Health Care System – Main Auditorium

One Veterans Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Directions to the MVAHCS

From the East (St. Paul): Take 35E south to West 7th/Highway 5 exit. Turn right at the top of the exit ramp. Continue on 5 to the Fort Snelling exit and stay to the right as you follow the exit around. You will “Y” into traffic coming from the Mendota bridge. Move to the right and exit on 55 west. As you exit on 55 west, it will “Y” almost immediately. Stay to the left and go straight through the stoplight. You will be on Minnehaha. Follow Minnehaha to the stoplight in front of the VA and turn left into the parking lot. If you miss the “Y” continue to the next stoplight (54th) and turn left. Go to stop sign (Minnehaha) and turn left again. Go to the stoplight in front of the VA and turn right into the parking lot.

From the Southeast: Take 35E to 110 west. Take the 55 west/Fort Snelling exit. Go to the far righthand lane as soon as you exit to continue on 55 west. Go over the Mendota Bridge, move to the right lane and exit to follow 55 west. As you exit on 55 west, it will “Y” almost immediately. Stay to the left and go straight through the stoplight. You will be on Minnehaha. Follow Minnehaha to the stoplight in front of the VA and turn left into the parking lot. If you miss the “Y” continue to the next stoplight (54th) and turn left. Go to stop sign (Minnehaha) and turn left again. Go to the stoplight in front of the VA and turn right into the parking lot.

From the North: Take 35W south to 62 east. *Follow directions below.

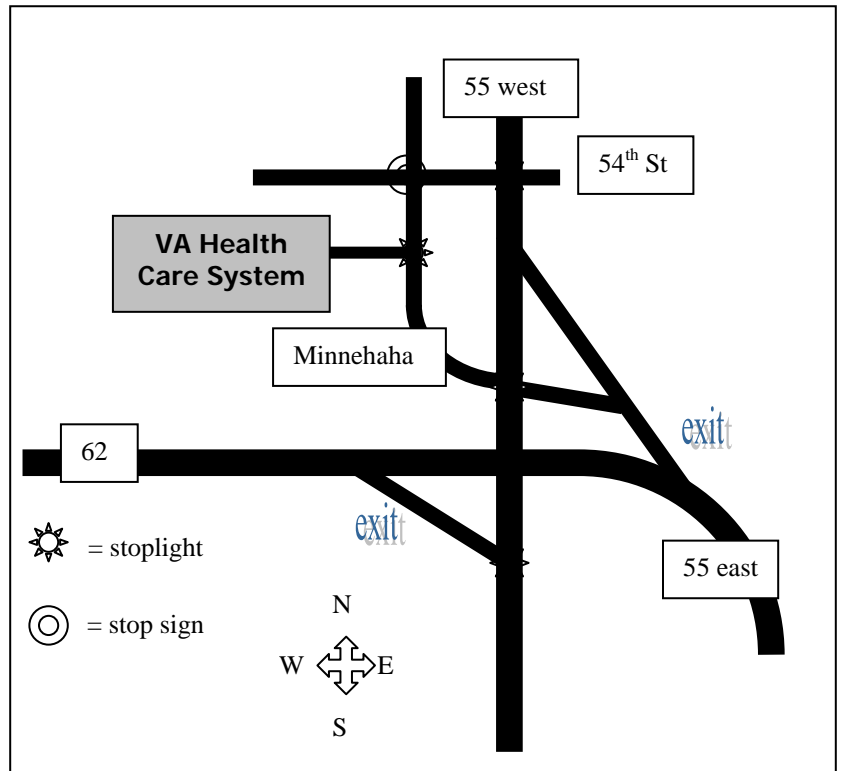
From the South: Take 35W north to 62 east. *Follow directions below.

From the West: Take 494 east to 35W north. Take 62 east. *Follow directions below.

***Directions, continued:** Get into the right lane on 62 and exit on 55 west. At the top of the exit ramp, turn left to continue on 55 west. Go to the stoplight (Minnehaha) and turn left. Follow Minnehaha to the stoplight in front of the VA and turn left into the lot.

For All: Park in the Visitor’s Parking Lot to the left (parking is free). Enter the VA from the Visitor’s Entrance (will be on the left as you face the building). The Main Auditorium will be on the right side of the main atrium, across from the information booth.

Light Rail Transit: The LRT line stops right in front of the VA. Feel free to utilize the park and ride lots and take the LRT to the VA. Go to the LRT website for information about where to park, fares, and how to ride:



<http://www.metrocouncil.org/transit/rail/index.htm>