Medication Administration Guidelines  
Associate Degree Nursing Program: Milwaukee Area Technical College

Semester 1

The nursing instructor must directly supervise the set up and administration of all oral, enteral and alternate routes of medication administration as well as all injections, peripheral IV maintenance, piggyback and capped IV flushes.

Students are to discuss with the instructor the classification, indication, mechanism of action, pertinent nursing assessments needed prior to administration and the data collection required to monitor medication effectiveness for each medication being administered.

Semester 2

The nursing instructor must directly supervise the set up and administration of all oral, enteral and alternate routes of medication administration as well as all injections, peripheral IV maintenance, piggyback and capped IV flushes. Once safe administration is determined, the instructor may allow the student to administer routine oral medications without direct supervision.

Students are to discuss with the instructor the classification, indication, mechanism of action, pertinent nursing assessments needed prior to administration and the data collection required to monitor medication effectiveness for each medication being administered.

Semesters 3 & 4

Students are to discuss with the instructor the classification, indication, mechanism of action, pertinent nursing assessments needed prior to administration and how to evaluate drug effectiveness.

Preparation of all SQ, IM and IV flushes must be directly supervised by the nursing instructor. Administration of SQ, IM’s, peripheral CIV flushes may occur without direct supervision once the instructor has determined the student can safely perform the procedure.

All IV push medication administration must be directly supervised by the nursing instructor.

The nursing instructor must directly supervise the setup and administration of oral medications, IV piggybacks and maintenance IV fluids until the instructor deems the student can safely perform the procedure. Once safe administration is determined, a staff registered nurse may supervise medication preparation and administration of oral medications, IV piggybacks and maintenance IV fluids.

All central line care and flushes must be supervised by the nursing instructor or a staff registered nurse.

Clinical nursing instructors and students must comply with the clinical agency’s medication administration policies and procedures.

Additional limitations to medication administration will be left up to the discretion of the nursing instructor.