**CHALLENGE OF NURS 205 (DRUG DOSAGE CALCULATION) AND/OR NURS 212 (PHARMACOLOGY FOR NURSES) BY EXAM**

**POLICY**: A **nursing applicant who has previous nursing education and experience, including military education and experience, may choose to challenge** the Drug Dosage Calculation course (NURS 205) or the Pharmacology for Nurses course (NURS 212) by taking the Nursing Department's challenge exam(s). A **nursing applicant** who chooses to challenge these courses and successfully passes the exam, will receive a notation on the official transcript that states that the course was challenged **(\*\*\*neither of these challenge exam results are transferrable to another academic institution; they are only accepted for the CCC nursing program\*\*\*).** The **nursing applicant** will not receive any unit credit or grade for the course. There is no fee for the challenge examination. Students may take the challenge examination only if they have never been enrolled in N205 or N212 in the past. If the student does not pass either challenge exam, they will be unable to repeat the challenge exam(s) and must enroll in either course in order to be eligible for CCC nursing program application and lottery. Again, a **nursing applicant** who has taken NURS 205 or NURS 212 is not eligible to take the challenge exam(s).

**PROCEDURE**: The procedure for challenging the Drug Dosage Calculation course or the Pharmacology for Nurses course by exam is as follows:

1. The **nursing applicant** must obtain and complete the Challenge Petition Form ([Challenge Petition](https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/Submit/Page?form=fd6781e7-7f78-4228-9cec-8890c061a18b&page=264247&section=292004&token=oDCx59oPjfQM9YxWmghZTA86b4K6R0sudEP3XMhIqYA)) available in the Admission and Records Office or in the Nursing Department. Contact Ms. Joanne Solano ([jsolano@contracosta.edu](mailto:jsolano@contracosta.edu)) at CCC Admissions and Records for assistance with obtaining and completing the Challenge Petition(s).
2. In order to qualify for the exam, you must have done one of the following:

* Studied similar content in a LVN or other nursing program
* Had equivalent training or work experience, including military education and experience, or
* Completed independent study of the course content.

1. Upon successful completion of the challenge exam (75% average), the instructor will complete the Challenge Petition form.
2. NURS 205 and NURS 212 may be challenged by exam one time only.
3. In order for a student to qualify in taking the DDC or Pharmacology Challenge Exams, the applicant must have a **CCC Student ID**.

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Information for those who are interested in taking a Challenge Examination for

* NURS 205 (Drug Dosage Calculations for Nursing Students)
* NURS 212 (Pharmacology for Nurses)

Thank you for your interest in challenging the NURS 205 (Drug Calculations for Nursing Students) course or NURS 212 (Pharmacology for Nurses). Please read the following to assess your eligibility:

The challenge exam is offered each semester. In order to qualify for the exam, you must have done one of the following:

* Studied similar content in a LVN or other nursing program
* Had equivalent training or work experience, or
* Completed independent study of the course content.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You may take the challenge exam(s) one time only. The challenge exam(s) must be taken prior to enrollment in NURS 205 or NURS 212. You are not eligible to take the challenge exam if you have taken either of those courses. You will not be granted units, nor will you be given a grade on the transcript. There is no fee for the challenge exam. This is not transferrable to another academic institution. In order to be successful with the challenge exam, you must achieve a 75% score on the exam. This is the passing score required in all nursing courses. Once you have contacted Joanne Solano Professor Christopher (CJ) Price, MSN-Ed, RN. After completion of the Challenge Petition Form(s), you will be directed to contact Professor Price, who will add you to the Canvas Course Shell for the Challenge Exams. The Canvas page has all of the resources you will need in assisting you with preparation for the challenge exam(s).

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are challenging NURS 205 Drug Dosage Calculations, you will be allowed to utilize your own calculator or the calculator on the desk top computer at the CTC lab. You are allowed to bring blank scratch paper that must be shown to the proctor prior to the start of the exam. The exam consists of 50 multiple choice and select all that apply (SATA) questions. Once you answer a question, you will not have the ability to go-back to change your answer. You will have 2 hours to complete the exam unless you have advanced notification of your DSPS status, in which case your time will be adjusted.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are challenging NURS 212 Pharmacology for Nurses, you will have 2 hours to complete the exam unless you have advanced notification of your DSPS status, in which case your time will be adjusted. You are allowed to bring blank scratch paper that must be shown to the proctor prior to the start of the exam. The exam consists of 50 multiple choice and select all that apply (SATA) questions. Once you answer a question, you will not have the ability to go-back to change your answer.

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