**RXPP-PRESCRIP PRIV PRAC PSYCH (RXPP)**

**RXPP 601. Introduction to Psychopharmacology for Psychologists I**

3 Credits

This course is an introduction to physiology and an overview of gross and microanatomy, with a focus on gross, micro, and chemical anatomy of the nervous system. By the end of the course, psychologists will have an up-to-date understanding of human psychology, anatomy, and neuroanatomy. Doctorate of Psychology required. Restricted to: RXPP majors.

**RXPP 602. Introduction to Psychopharmacology for Psychologists II**

3 Credits

Principles of organic chemistry and human biochemistry necessary for the understanding of psychopharmacology are discussed and related to the major transmitter systems and dynamics of transmission. By the end of the course, students will have an up-to-date understanding of biochemistry on which to base further didactic study in psychopharmacology. Doctorate of Psychology required. Restricted to: RXPP majors.

**RXPP 603. Clinical Psychopharmacology I**

3 Credits

This course begins with an introduction to the scope of pharmacology; pharmacoepidemiology, ethical, and legal issues (informed consent, State and Federal regulation of drugs and prescribing, sources of drug information and computer aids) and continues with the principles of pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics as they relate to the use of psychotropic medications. It concludes with an introduction to the treatment of anxiety disorders from a biopsychosocial model of care with special emphasis on psychopharmacology for anxiety disorders. Doctorate in Psychology required. Restricted to: RXPP majors.

**RXPP 604. Clinical Psychopharmacology II**

3 Credits

This course is a thorough investigation of the diagnosis and treatment of affective disorders from a biopsychosocial model of care. Particular emphasis is given to psychopharmacological treatment of depressive disorders and bipolar disorders. Doctorate in Psychology required. Restricted to: RXPP majors.

**RXPP 605. Clinical Psychopharmacology III**

3 Credits

This course is an intensive study of the treatment of psychosis from a biopsychosocial model of care. Special consideration is given to: first, second, and third generation antipsychotic drugs and their pharmacology and clinical uses; neurological and metabolic disorders associated with antipsychotic use; and appropriate use of antipsychotics in children and the elderly. Special attention is then given to child and adolescent psychopharmacology, including drugs used in pregnancy and lactation, teratogenicity, embryotoxicity, developmental disorders, conduct disorders, ADHD, and special considerations in use of approved drugs in children. Doctorate in Psychology required. Restricted to: RXPP majors.

**RXPP 606. Pathophysiology for Psychologists I**

3 Credits

This course is an introduction to human clinical physical assessment, history taking, charting, and laboratory testing and neuroimaging. An important emphasis is in functional neuroanatomy and diagnosis and assessment of neurological disorders; role of different components of human nervous system in health and disease; stroke, seizures, and movement disorders (chorea, athetosis, dystonias, dyskinesias, Parkinsonism, akathesia, iatrogenic neurological disorders). Doctorate in Psychology required. Restricted to: RXPP majors.

**RXPP 607. Pathophysiology for Psychologists II**

3 Credits

Physical assessment and pathophysiology of the cardiovascular system is studied in depth: structure and function of the heart and major blood vessels; innervation of the heart and vessels; electrocardiogram; components of blood; lymphatics; and physical assessment of cardiac function. The physical assessment and pathophysiology of eyes, ears, nose, and the immune system are studied in depth; anatomy and physiology of special senses; assessment of cranial nerves and sensory function; immune function and psychoneuroimmunology. The physical examination and pathophysiology of the chest and pulmonary system and its relationship to the cardiac system is also studied. Doctorate in Psychology required. Restricted to: RXPP majors.

**RXPP 608. PSYCH PATHOPHYS III**

3 Credits

This course continues with an in-depth study of the chest and pulmonary system: pulmonary function and assessment; respiratory exchange and respiratory involvement in acid: base regulation, disorders of respiratory function. The physical assessment of pathophysiology of the gastrointestinal system is discussed in depth: digestion, absorption and excretion of drugs and nutrients from the GI system; disorders of GI function; hepatic function; innervation of GI tract; endocrine and exocrine functions of GI system; physical assessment of GI function. The functions and pathophysiology of the male and female reproductive system, endocrine system, and renal system are discussed as they relate to psychopharmacology. Doctorate of Psychology required. Restricted to: RXPP majors.

**RXPP 609. Psychopharmacological Treatment in Special Populations I**

3 Credits

The psychopharmacology of several special populations are discussed in detail in this course. Geriatric psychopharmacology includes: geriatric physiology: cardiac, renal, hepatic changes with aging; pharmacokinetics/dynamics in the elderly; cognition enhancers in Alzheimer’s and other dementias. Special treatment of personality disorders, eating disorders, the importance of racial, ethnic, and gender differences and culturally sensitive practice is presented with applications. Pain management psychopharmacology is over-viewed, including: pharmacology of opioid and non-opioid analgesics; pain syndromes; acute and chronic pain; headache; pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches to pain management; pharmacology and actions of abused substances: acute effects, withdrawal, biochemistry of tolerance and dependence, brain central reward pathways. Doctorate in Psychology required. Restricted to: RXPP majors.
RXPP 610. Psychopharmacological Treatment in Special Populations II
3 Credits
The pathophysiology and treatment of substance use disorders from a biopsychosocial model is presented. Issues of medical comorbidity are studied: psychopharmacological treatment in the medically compromised patient, including case studies and review of comprehensive treatment models; mental disorders due to a general medical condition and/or adverse drug reactions; and referral practices to specialists. Diagnostic rating scales and psychiatric instruments of use to the prescribing psychologist are presented. The course ends with an integration of psychotherapy and pharmacotherapy, including ethical issues such as the right to refuse treatment, treatment compliance/adherence, risk management, and the role of the medical psychologist in the modern, integrated healthcare system. Doctorate in Psychology required. Restricted to: RXPP majors.

RXPP 611. Supervised Experience in Psychopharmacology I
1-3 Credits (1-3)
In this applied course, students employ their knowledge of psychopharmacology in treatment setting. Students will participate in the treatment of 50 patients for a minimum of 200 hours under the supervision of a physician. Number of credits taken to be determined in consultation with RXPP Training Director. Maximum of 3 credit hours required by degree program. Doctorate in Psychology required. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Consent of Instructor required. Restricted to: RXPP majors. S/U Grading (S/U, Audit).

RXPP 612. Supervised Experience in Psychopharmacology II
1-3 Credits (1-3)
Continuation and completion of supervised experience in RXPP 611. Students will participate in the treatment of 50 additional patients for a minimum of 200 hours under the supervision of a physician. The RXPP 611/612 sequence must be completed no sooner than three months and no later than three years from initiation. Number of credit hours taken to be determined in consultation with RXPP Training Director. Maximum of 3 credit hours required by degree program. Doctorate in Psychology required. May be repeated up to 3 credits. Consent of Instructor required. Restricted to: RXPP majors. S/U Grading (S/U, Audit).