COMMON COURSE OUTLINE: Course discipline/number/title: HUC 1524: Introduction to Medications for the Health Unit Coordinator

A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
1. Credits: 2
2. Hours/Week: 4 Hours/Week for 8 Weeks
3. Prerequisites (Course discipline/number): None
4. Co-requisites (Course discipline/number): None
5. MnTC Goals (if any): NA

This course introduces the Health Unit Coordinator to commonly prescribed medications, pharmaceutical terms, systems of measurement, and medical abbreviations associated with medication orders and prescriptions. The HUC’s role with medications will vary between health care facilities.

B. DATE LAST REVISED (Month, year): February, 2010

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:
1. Drug sources
2. Components of drug orders
3. Normal routes of medication administration
4. Medication dispensing methods
5. Abbreviations associated with medication orders and prescriptions
6. Classification and correct spelling of commonly used medications

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): The student will be able to:
1. Recognize and classify commonly used medications.
2. Interpret prescriptions and Doctors orders correctly.
3. Understand and define medical abbreviations associated with medication orders.
4. Correctly identify both generic drug names and brand names.
5. Identify drugs that are controlled substances.
6. Acquire an understanding of the various role expectations there may be for the HUC relating to medication orders.

E. LEARNING OUTCOMES (MNTC): NA

F. METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENT LEARNING:
1. Written/Online tests over each medication module unit
2. Written reports on selected drugs from each drug category
3. Classroom participation
4. Completion of provided Study guides

G. RCTC CORE OUTCOME(S) ADDRESSED:
- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Global Awareness/Diversity
- Civic Responsibility
- Personal/Professional Accountability
- Aesthetic Response

H. SPECIAL INFORMATION (if any): None