

## College of Pharmacy Medication Safety Elective Course

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### PHA 5262 – Medication Safety

- Elective course – Fourth professional year
- Offered in the last 8 weeks of the curriculum – after completion of clerkships
  - (“Senioritis” is an issue.)
- In 2008, 235 / 300 students took the course
- Students get credit for Board of Pharmacy Medication Errors course that is required for licensure

### Course Objectives / Topics

- Focus on medication errors
  - Prescribing
  - Dispensing
  - Administration
- Focus on “High Alert” medications
- Focus on Prevention
- Focus on Ethical and Legal Issues and Reporting
- Focus on “Other Aspects” of Medication Safety

### Course Delivery / Format

- Didactic lectures (pre-taped) provided via streaming video
- Video Clips – from the FDA on Patient Safety
- Weekly group meetings –
  - In class videos
  - Discussions
  - Exam
  - Student Presentations

### Course Activities

- Personal example / experience of a medication error
- Students present a brief example of an error that they ‘observed’ or learned about while on clerkship.

### “Other Aspects”

- Effective communication in preventing medication errors
- Role of the Media in Medication Safety
- Counterfeit Drugs
- Drugs from Canada
- Effect of Aggressive Pharmaceutical ‘Detailing’ on Medication Safety
- Drugs Purchased from the Internet

