RNSG 1301
COURSE NAME: Pharmacology
Fall 2015

Faculty Information

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Office Hours

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About Your Instructor:

Ms. Floyd is a nurse practitioner and has worked many years with hospice patients. She fulfills the role of provider of care and has a passion for nursing.

Preferred Method of Communication:
Please email

Expectations for Engagement for Instructor:
As an instructor, I understand the importance of clear, timely communication with my students. In order to maintain sufficient communication, I will

• provide my contact information at the beginning of the syllabus;
• respond to all messages within 24 hours if received Monday through Thursday, and within 48 hours if received Friday through Saturdays. I am not online Sundays;
• notify students of any extended times that I will be unavailable and provide them with alternative contact information (for me or for my supervisor) in case of during the time I am unavailable.

As an instructor, I understand that my students will work to the best of their abilities to fulfill the course requirements. In order to help them in this area, I will

• provide clear information about grading policies and assignment requirements in the course syllabus, and
• communicate any changes to assignments and/or to the course calendar to students as quickly as possible.
As an instructor, I understand that I need to provide regular, timely feedback to students about their performance in the course. To keep students informed about their progress, I will
• post grades for discussion postings within one week of the discussion thread closing.
• provide grades for assignments within 2 weeks of the due date.

Textbook Information and Required Hardware/Software

Textbook(s):

Hardware:
You will need ear buds for listening to lessons and/or test items online or on computers in class.

Software:
Use Firefox web browser.

Computer Browsers:
• Mac users should use Firefox
• PC users may use any browser except IE10

Websites:
You will access course materials for this course by logging into Blackboard at https://blackboard.odessa.edu/webapps/login/.
Odessa College Blackboard http://www.odessa.edu/dept/it/web/blackboard.htm
Information About the Course

**Course Description:**
Introduction to the science of pharmacology with emphasis on the actions, interactions, adverse effects, and nursing implications of drug classifications.

**Course Prerequisites:**

**Traditional:** Admission to Professional Nursing Program or administrative approval; BIOL 2401, BIOL 2402, ENGL 1301, PSYC 2314 RNSG 1193

**Co-requisite Courses:**

**Traditional:** RNSG 1513, RNSG 1360

**Course Topics:**
Medication administration; role/responsibilities of nurse administering medications; dosage calculation; pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics; drug classifications, routes/actions/outcomes/adverse effects/contraindications/side effects/interactions of medications; alternative and complementary medications; pharmacological pain management; gout.
Grading

All course work is required. All aspect of course work must be submitted in order to successfully pass this course. Course grades are based on unit exams, comprehensive final, daily quizzes, standardized exams, and the Medication Administration Test.

**However, the combined average of all unit exams and the comprehensive final exam must be 75 or higher in order to pass RNSG 1301.**

**Class/Theory Grading Policy**

Students will receive a numerical grade. A grade of 75% or greater is required to pass. *Each theory course requires that students reach an average of 75% on unit exams and the final in order to pass the course, this is a threshold and no other grades will be utilized until this threshold is met. Example: Student has a class average of 78 but the unit exam and final exam average is 74, this student does not pass the course and must repeat.*

Example: Meeting threshold of 75% and how it is calculated.

Example:

Unit 1: Test score 65

Unit 2: Test score 60

Unit 3: Test score 70

Unit 4: Test Score 75

Unit 5: Test Score 72

Unit 6: Test Score 70

Total of above unit exams 412, divided by 6 = 68.66 (This is the average of the unit exams.)

Final score 85 + 68.66 =153.66 divided by 2, total average 76.83

This person would meet the threshold and grades would be placed into the gradebook per syllabus.

Unit Exams and the comprehensive final are weighted in the following manner:
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<td><strong>Total Value</strong></td>
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**TEST TAKING**

The Final Exam and most or all of the Unit Exams are given in one of the Nursing Department Computer Labs on Odessa College Blackboard. A PASSWORD may be given to the students at the time of the exam to access the exam on Blackboard. If a student is absent the day of an exam and accesses the exam at home (or other area) the student will receive an automatic ZERO and not be able to make-up the exam.

**TEST MAKE-UP POLICY**

Students will be allowed make-up exams at the instructor’s discretion with advanced approval. Make-up exams must be taken within five (5) business days of the missed exam, unless other arrangements have been made with the instructor. If an exam is not made up by the time arranged by the student and the instructor, the student will receive a “0 (zero)” for that exam and the unit grades will be averaged accordingly. Only two (2) unit exams may be made-up. All exams must be taken in order to pass this course even if the grade is a zero. The student may expect an alternate method of testing for the make-up exam.

It is the responsibility of the individual taking this course to maintain accurate track of assignment submissions and grades. There will be opportunities during the semester to meet with the instructor to discuss your academic progress. Contact the instructor to schedule an appointment. Class time will not be used for grade inquiries. All grades are final.

**Grading Scale:**
“A” = 90-100  
“B” = 80-89  
“C” = 75-79  
“D” = 60-74.99  
“F” = 0-59

Student Course Participation

As a student, I understand that I am responsible for keeping up with the course. To help with this, I will

- identify alternative computer and internet access in case my primary computer crashes or my internet service is unavailable;
- recognize that the college provides free Wi-Fi and computer labs during regular campus hours to help me with accessing my course; and,
- understand that my instructor does not have to accept my technical issues as a legitimate reason for late or missing work if my equipment or service is unreliable.

As a student, I understand that it is my responsibility to communicate quickly with the instructor any issue or emergency that will impact my involvement with or performance in the class. This includes, but is not limited to

- getting “kicked off” of the system during tests or quizzes;
- having trouble submitting assignments; and
- dealing with a traumatic personal event.

As a student, I understand that it is my responsibility to understand course material and requirements and to keep up with the course calendar. While my instructor is available for help and clarification, I will

- seek out help from my instructor and/or from tutors;
- ask questions if I don’t understand; and
- access my course several times during the week to keep up with assignments and announcements.

As a student, I understand that I will have the opportunity to provide feedback on my experience in this course through an end-of-course Student Evaluation of Instruction (SEI).

Course Policies

Disclaimer

This syllabus is tentative and subject to change in any part at the discretion of the instructor. Any changes will be in accordance with Odessa College policies. Students will be notified of changes, if any, in timely manner.

For ALL CURRENT NURSING POLICIES please refer to the CURRENT nursing student handbook. ALL policies and standards are in effect for RNSG 1301.
Original Effort
The work submitted for this course must be original work prepared by the student enrolled in this course. Efforts will be recognized and graded in terms of individual participation and in terms of ability to collaborate with other students in this course.

Course Alignment with Industry Standards
(Insert Here)

Digital Protocol
Cell phones must be placed on either vibrate or silent mode and are to be accessed in emergency cases only. The use of laptops or any other digital device is permitted in order to facilitate note-taking relative to instruction. Any written assignments will be submitted electronically on Blackboard. The electronic recording of the time on Blackboard will be considered the time of assignment submission. Take necessary steps to ensure that your assignments are submitted on "Blackboard" time. Back-up and/or additional copies of all assignments submitted is encouraged. Computers/printers are available to OC students in the LRC (301-303); therefore, not having access to a computer due to technical issues (crash; corrupted files) will not be considered as an acceptable reason for not completing assignments. If there is a loss of server connection with Odessa College due to maintenance, then an email will be sent to student with pertinent information and status reports. Assignments submitted electronically need to be WORD documents (doc or docx).

Attendance Policy: See student nursing handbook
Students are expected to attend class regularly. Students are expected to notify the course instructor of absences prior to the beginning of class.

AVID
This course has been identified as a course by Career, Technical, and Workforce Education as one in which teaching and learning strategies adopted by AVID will be implemented. As a student in this course, you will be expected to develop an understanding of the strategies, to model the strategies, to maintain fidelity of implementation, and to examine how these strategies may impact your effectiveness as a professional in your chosen area of occupation, either through coursework or practicum experience as outlined by the course instructor.

Grade Inquiry Policy
It is the responsibility of the individual taking this course to maintain accurate track of assignment submissions and grades. There will be opportunities during the semester to meet with the instructor to discuss your academic progress. Contact the instructor to schedule an appointment. Class time will not be used for grade inquiries. All grades are final.

General Course Requirements
1. Attend class and participate.
2. Contribute and cooperate with civility.
3. Submit assignments on time. Late work not accepted.

Incomplete Policy
An 'Incomplete' grade may be given only if:
1. The student has passed all completed work
2. If he/she has completed a minimum of 75% of the required coursework. A grade of an “I” will only be assigned when the conditions for completions have been discussed and agreed upon by the instructor and the student.
Course Schedule

*(Tentative and Subject to Change) See example below, please refer to blackboard shell for complete schedule*

- PLEASE NOTE INFORMATION UNDER COURSEWORK.

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| Module 1 | Learning Outcomes: By the end of the Module, the students will be able to— Review the nurse’s role related to administering and monitoring drug therapy. Apply QSEN principles to pharmacotherapy in nursing. Identify the underlying issues in medication errors. Define a culture of safety and its characteristics. | 1, 2, 5 | **Topic:**  
- Culture of Safety  
- Nursing Role in Pharmacology  
- Safety Risks for Medication Administration  

**Before class:**  
Review course syllabus.  
Read Kee Ch.11 (p. 113-119); Ch. 12 (p. 121-130)  

**During class:**  
*.Getting acquainted activity  
*.Start discussions with this video:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CspIrlJ2bd4  
*Class discussion  
Watch this video (55 minutes)  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsbgUuXdaw  
Chasing Zero: Winning the War on Healthcare Harm | Group Discussion | Complete Tutorial Introductions |
**Module 2**  
**Wed 06/10**

**Learning Outcomes:** By the end of the Module, the students will be able to—

- Compare and contrast various sites and equipment used for parenteral therapy.
- Apply the nursing process to medication administration by various routes.
- Review dosage calculation methods to ensure safe administration.
- Calculate intravenous flow rates for infusion.

**Before class:**
Read Kee Ch. 13 (p. 133-145: Ch. 14. (p. 149-209)

**During class:**
*Pair Activity to work all practice problems (pg. 192, 194, 197)

*Class discussion

**After class:**

- Review class notes and bring any questions to next class for discussion or post online for peers to discuss.

**Topic**

1, 2, 5

- **Drug Administration Routes**
  - Oral, Liquid, Topical, Transdermal
  - Instillation, Inhalations, NG or G tube, Rectal, Vaginal, Intradermal, Subcutaneous, Intramuscular, Intraosseous, Parenteral

- **Drug Calculations**
  - Basic Formula (D/H XQ), Ratio and Proportion, Dimensional Analysis (best practice for calculation), Body Weight, Body Surface Area, Injectables, IV Flow Rate, IV Push

**Group Discussion**

10-2

**Think/Pair/share**

**Complete**

Dosage Calculations
Dimensions
Core Objectives (COs)

Description of Core Objectives (CO’s)
Given the rapid evolution of necessary knowledge and skills and the need to take into account global, national, state, and local cultures, the core curriculum must ensure that students will develop the essential knowledge and skills they need to be successful in college, in a career, in their communities, and in life. Therefore, with the assistance of the Undergraduate Education Advisory Committee, the Coordinating Board has approved guidelines for a core curriculum for all undergraduate students in Texas.

Through the application and assessment of objectives within the institution’s core curriculum, students will gain a foundation of knowledge of human cultures and the physical and natural world; develop principles of personal and social responsibility for living in a diverse world; and advance intellectual and practical skills that are essential for all learning. Appropriate Odessa College faculty periodically evaluates all of the courses listed in the descriptions on the following pages of this catalog and keys them to Odessa College’s Institutional Core Objectives (ICOs), as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). (Source: Odessa College Catalog of Courses 2012-2013, page 73)

Odessa College’s Core Objectives (COs):
1. Critical Thinking Skills (CT) - to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
2. Communication Skills (COM) - to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
3. Empirical and Quantitative Skills (EQS) - to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
4. Teamwork (TW) - to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal
5. Social Responsibility (SR) - to include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities
6. Personal Responsibility (PR) - to include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making

Course Objectives:
WECM End-of-Course Outcomes: Identify the roles and responsibilities of the professional nurse in administering pharmacological agents; and explain the safe utilization of medications.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Identify the role and responsibilities of the professional nurse administering pharmacological agents.
2. Explain the safe utilization of medications.
3. Identify the actions, interactions, and adverse effects of common drug classifications.
4. Describe the nursing implications associated with caring for patients taking common types of drugs.
5. Perform dosage and calculations for administration of medications.

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Tuition Discounts
The “First Course is Free” discount waives standard tuition and fees for the first 3 credit hours taken at Odessa College. The discount applies to high school graduates taking their first class at Odessa College as well as transfer students taking their first class at Odessa College.

The “Academic Progress Discount” provides a 10% tuition discount upon completion of 30 credit hours until reaching 45 credit hours. It provides a 20% discount upon completion of 45 credit hours until reaching 60 credit hours. Student must maintain a 2.0 GPA to remain eligible for the discount.

Academic Policies
Note that the OC Student Handbook states (page 32) that “[i]n cases of academic dishonesty, the instructor has the authority to impose appropriate scholastic penalties. Complaints or appeals of disciplinary sanctions may be filed in accordance with the college due process procedure. Copies of the college due process procedure are available in the office of The Director of Student Life (CC104).”

For more information on your rights and responsibilities as a student at Odessa College, please refer to the following: The 411 of OC: Student Handbook 2012-2013; Student Rights & Responsibilities http://www.odessa.edu/dept/studenthandbook/handbook.pdf

Scholastic Dishonesty
Scholastic dishonesty shall constitute a violation of these rules and regulations and is punishable as prescribed by board policies. Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism and collusion.

“Cheating on a test” shall include:
- Copying from another student's test paper
- Using test materials not authorized by the person administering the test.
- Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test without permission from the test administrator.
- Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of an unadministered test.
- The unauthorized transporting or removal, in whole or in part, of the contents of the unadministered test.
- Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for one's self, to take a test.
- Bribing another person to obtain an unadministered test or information about an unadministered test.
- "Plagiarism" shall be defined as the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one's own written work.
- "Collusion" shall be defined as the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work for fulfillment of course requirements. (Source: Odessa College Student Handbook 2012-2013, page 29-30)
Special Populations/Disability Services/Learning Assistance
Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Odessa College affirms that it will provide access to programs, services and activities to qualified individuals with known disabilities as required by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), unless doing so poses an undue hardship or fundamentally alters the nature of the program or activity. Disabilities may include hearing, mobility or visual impairments as well as chronic medical conditions (arthritis, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, kidney disorders, lupus, seizure disorders, etc.), learning disabilities or psychiatric or emotional disabilities. A student who comes to Odessa College with diagnosed disabilities which may interfere with learning may receive accommodations when the student requests them and submits proper documentation of the diagnosis. A Request for Accommodations form and guidelines for beginning the request process are available in the OC Help Center or on the Odessa College web site at http://www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/disabilities/index.htm. The college strives to provide a complete and appropriate range of services for students with disabilities such as assistance with testing, registration, information on adaptive and assistive equipment, tutoring, assistance with access and accommodations for the classroom where appropriate. For information regarding services, students with disabilities should contact the Office of Disability Services in the OC Help Center located in Room 204 of the Student Union Building or call 432-335-6433. (Source: Odessa College Catalog of Courses 2012-2013, page 52)

Dropping a Course or Withdrawing from College
Students wishing to drop a non-developmental course may do so online using WebAdvisor, at the Wrangler Express, or Registrar’s Office. A student wishing to drop a developmental course or withdraw from college should obtain a drop or withdrawal form from the Wrangler Express or the Registrar’s Office. Students are encouraged to consult with instructors prior to dropping a class. Students may not completely withdraw from the college by use of the Web. Students must drop a class or withdraw from college before the official withdrawal date stated in the class schedule. Students who are part of the Armed Forces Reserves may withdraw with a full refund if the withdrawal is due to their being ordered into active duty. A copy of the student’s orders must be presented to the Registrar’s Office at the time of the withdrawal. For details, please contact the Office of the Registrar. No longer attending class does not automatically constitute withdrawal from that class, nor does a student’s notification to an instructor that the student wishes to be dropped. Failure of a student to complete the drop/withdrawal process will result in a grade of “F.” (Source: Odessa College Catalog of Courses 2012-2013, page 36)

Student Support Services and Technical Support

Blackboard Support
I can’t log into my Blackboard Course, who do I contact?
Contact the Student Success Center: 432-335-6673 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm. The SSC can provide you with your Blackboard login name. If you are not sure what your password is, they can reset your password.

I’m having a problem in my Blackboard Course, who do I contact?
For any problem that you have in your online course, always contact your Instructor first. Refer to the
Instructor’s Contact Information area of the Syllabus for their preferred method of contact and the expected response time.

**Additional Blackboard Help Resources:**

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<td><strong>Blackboard On Demand Learning Center for Students</strong></td>
<td>This website provides an extensive list of short tutorial videos for student activities performed in Blackboard.</td>
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<td><strong>Blackboard Collaborate: First Time Users</strong></td>
<td>If you have never used Blackboard Collaborate before, this website provides a system requirements check, configuration instructions, and training and resources area.</td>
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<td><strong>Blackboard Collaborate: Essentials for Participants</strong></td>
<td>This website provides essential information for Participants of Collaborate sessions. Any Collaborate user, whether first-time or experienced, would benefit from reviewing the information here.</td>
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**Student E-mail Support**

How do I set up, access, or update my Odessa College Student E-mail account?
Go to this website and follow the directions on the page: [http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/](http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/).

I can’t access my student email! I forgot my password!
Contact the Student Success Center: 432-335-6673 or online at [https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm](https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm). They can provide you with assistance in accessing your student email (created by OC) and can also assist with resetting your student email password. Make sure to have your student ID number available!

Your Blackboard login name is associated with your OC created student email account. All Correspondence for this course will be submitted using your Odessa College student email address.

**Support for Students with Disabilities**

How do I contact the Office of Special Populations?

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<td>Campus Location</td>
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Email | Becky Rivera-Weiss - brivera@odessa.edu
Website | To find out more about services provided by the Special Populations office, please visit: http://www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/disabilities/index.htm

Learning Resources Center (LRC; Library)
MURRY H. FLY LIBRARY

| Main Number | 432-335-6640 |
| Email | library@odessa.edu |
| Campus Location | 1st floor of the Learning Resources Center (LRC) |
| Website with Additional Help and Information | http://www.odessa.edu/dept/library Ask A Librarian: https://www.odessa.edu/dept/library/askalibrarian.htm |

Equipment and Services Provided:

The Murry H. Fly Library, located in the Learning Resources Center, is a full-service academic library whose mission is to provide research and other educational resources to the Odessa College community.

Super Search, the library’s centralized search engine, offers easy access locating materials in the library’s collection. The following resources are available through the library.

- **Books, Videos, CDs** – 30,000+ books and 4,000+ media holdings
- **Ebooks** – 50,000+
- **Specialized databases** for current students – 60+
  *Remote access requires OC login
- **Magazines, newspapers, & scholarly journals**
- **Interlibrary loan services** of material from participating Texas libraries
- **Online Tutorials**
  *Tips for research strategies
- **Computers for online research, homework, and printing**
- **Selected textbooks** for short-term use in the library only
- **Photocopier and FAX service** – There is a charge associated with these services
- **VHS/DVDs** – in library use only
- **Quiet study rooms** for individual and group study
  *Must check in at the main desk
- **Larger meeting rooms** – for events, educational workshops, and group computer use.
  Reservations required

TUTORING SERVICES

Odessa College provides tutoring services to assist students in meeting their academic and career goals. The College strives to provide new and updated resources and services at no charge to OC students. Computers provide Internet access, Microsoft Office, and software resources to assist OC students in improving their reading, writing, and mathematical skills.
Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are accepted as availability allows. Tutoring services are offered in a number of locations on and off campus. For more information or to make an appointment:

- **Student Success Center**, located in the Learning Resources Center, provides support for a variety of academic subjects as well as TSI test prep, AVID, study skills training, workshops, assistance with Blackboard, student email, OC portal, student orientation tours, and more.

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<td>Click Here Subject to availability. <em>(If no one is currently available, call or email)</em></td>
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- **Math Lab**, located on the second floor of the Wood Math and Science building, provides support for all math-related tutoring

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- **Synapse Lab**, located on the third floor of the Wood Math and Science building, provides support for all science-related tutoring

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<td><a href="http://www.odessa.edu/dept/biology/tutoring.htm">http://www.odessa.edu/dept/biology/tutoring.htm</a></td>
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- **Writing Center**, located on the first floor of Wilkerson Hall, provides support for all writing-related tutoring

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<td>Email</td>
<td><a href="mailto:writingcenter@odessa.edu">writingcenter@odessa.edu</a></td>
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<td>Campus Location</td>
<td>Wilkerson Hall, 106</td>
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Provides support for writing related tutoring
• **Offsite tutoring services** are available in the Rodeo and Agriculture Graham Center located in Gardendale

• **Online tutoring** is available 24/7 through Upswing, which will start Fall II, a web-based, student-friendly service

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**Student Success Center (SSC) / AVID Center**

**How do I contact the Student Success Center?**

*Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be served as soon as possible.*

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<th><strong>Main Number</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Campus Location</strong></td>
<td>1st floor of the Library</td>
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<td><strong>Website with Additional Help and Information</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/">http://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/</a></td>
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<td><strong>Live Online Assistance / Chat</strong></td>
<td><a href="http://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/">Click Here</a> <em>(If no one is currently available, please put your email and question(s) in the appropriate areas of the form and hit ‘send.’ Your question(s) will be addressed as soon as an SSC staff member becomes available.)</em></td>
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**Equipment and Services Provided:**

The purpose of the Odessa College Student Success Center is to provide assistance to students in meeting their academic and career goals. The SSC strives to continually provide new and updated resources that will empower all Odessa College students to succeed at OC and beyond.

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<td>Tutoring by CRLA &amp; Avid trained tutors</td>
<td>Understanding course work and motivation</td>
<td>On Campus and Online <a href="http://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/">Click here for more information.</a></td>
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<td>Student Information Seminars (SIS)</td>
<td>Demo email, Blackboard and SSC resources</td>
<td>On Campus and Online <a href="http://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/">Click here for more information.</a></td>
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<td>Study Skills</td>
<td>Tools needed to succeed</td>
<td>On Campus and Online <a href="http://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/">Click here for more information.</a></td>
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<td>To navigate classes, email, etc.</td>
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<td>Plato Web</td>
<td>Practice for TEAS test and basic math, science, etc.</td>
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<td>Project T.I.E.</td>
<td>Practice for GED/COMPASS</td>
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<td>Student Orientation/Tour</td>
<td>Show individual students where their classes will be. SIS presentation</td>
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<td>M.O.R.E. Mentoring Program</td>
<td>Networking, tips to navigate college life successfully</td>
<td>On Campus Click here for more information.</td>
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<td>Smart thinking</td>
<td>Online tutoring service. Connect with an instructor and interact with a live tutor.</td>
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**Veterans Support**

*How do I contact the office for Veteran’s Outreach?*

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<th>Main Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>Campus Location</td>
<td>204M (Help Center) in the Student Union Building</td>
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<tr>
<td>Email</td>
<td>Gloria Rangel - <a href="mailto:grangel@odessa.edu">grangel@odessa.edu</a></td>
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<td>Website</td>
<td>To find out more about services provided by the Veteran’s Outreach office, please visit: <a href="http://www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/veterans/index.htm">http://www.odessa.edu/dept/counseling/veterans/index.htm</a></td>
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