Policy
Nursing students will be able to administer “permitted” medications under the supervision of their clinical faculty or the Kadlec Regional Medical Center supervising nurse.

General Process
Nursing students will be able to retrieve, prepare and administer “permitted” medications under the direct supervision of their clinical faculty or a staff nurse until deemed competent to administer medications under general supervision. Competency is determined by clinical faculty. Once deemed competent in medication administration, the nursing student may retrieve, prepare and/or administer “permitted” medication under general supervision.

Definitions
General Supervision - Medication retrieval, preparation and/or administration is done under general supervision from clinical faculty or supervising nurse, but no direct visual supervision at bedside is required.

- General Supervision
  - Oral Medication
  - Injections
  - Vaccination
  - Inhalants
  - Eye drops

Direct Supervision - Medication retrieval and preparation are visually doubled checked and medication administration is directly observed by clinical faculty or staff nurse.

- Direct Supervision
  - IVPB
  - IV Push
  - IV Controlled Substances
  - PCA - after verification by two RNs
  - All permitted High Alert Medications (See Policy #699.38.00)
  - Blood or Blood Products - after verification by two RNs
  - Medications that require advanced training (medications restricted to the critical care areas)
Nursing Students are not permitted to administer the following:
- Medications that require an override in the electronic medication administration record
- Chemotherapy medications
- Epidural medications
- Moderate Sedation medications
- Oxytocin for laboring patients

Access
Accessing electronic programs used to support medication administration (Medication dispensing cabinets, electronic medication administration records) is granted to nursing students after the student completes required training and restricted to non-narcotic medications.

Medication Errors
Subsequent to discovery of a medication error, or in the event that a student is associated with a medication error, the student nurse shall notify the Supervising Nurse, Patient’s Assigned Nurse, and Clinical Faculty. Additionally, the student nurse will complete an online event report jointly with the supervising nurse.