



Medical-Surgical Nursing Update and Certification Review

15-WEEK: January 11 - April 24 16, 2024

A HYBRID COURSE

Integrating agency-based mentorship with individual online learning

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10 or 15-Week Hybrid Course // 46.5 Contact hours

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For experienced nurses in all care settings interested in a comprehensive medical-surgical review and/or in preparing for certification or recertification in medical-surgical nursing.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This online continuing education course combines distance learning methods with a strong component of mentorship to deliver expert content to individuals and groups of nurses at participating sites. Medical-Surgical Nursing Update and Certification Review is designed to meet two goals: 1) to enhance practice in medical-surgical nursing, and 2) to support nurses in pursuing national certification. Certification is a mechanism for clearly identifying nurses and agencies committed to the highest standards of professional preparation, patient care and patient safety. Graduates of this course are very successful in achieving certification (97% pass rate). Teaching methods include lecture, case studies, reflective assignments, test-taking and mentoring.

OBJECTIVES FOR LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completing this course, participants will be better able to:

- Relate the etiology, pathophysiology, pharmacology, nursing process and patient education of common medical-surgical diagnoses to patient care.
- Apply evidence-based approaches to nursing assessment and interventions.
- Utilize strategies that enhance patient safety.
- Achieve personal goals with regard to national certification in medical-surgical nursing and/or enhancing medical-surgical nursing practice.
- Describe at least two situations in which course content was applied to your nursing practice.

EARN CONTACT HOURS

46.5 contact hours will be awarded upon successful completion of all course requirements. Requirements include: weekly online lectures, practice tests and evaluations, two reflective Clinical Example assignments and completion of the Student Agreement, Participant Profile, Pre- and Post-Tests and final course evaluation. Your agency may have additional requirements.



LEARN WITH A MENTOR AND NURSING COLLEAGUES

You and your colleagues are part of a greater cohort of nurses at healthcare agencies across the country. Agency Coordinators at all sites mentor participants about practice and certification, as well as course requirements. Individual registrants are assigned an online nurse mentor.

ONLINE EDUCATION

Over 15 weeks (based on your agency's preference), access the online classroom whenever it suits your schedule. Weekly sessions include video lectures by a diverse selection of expert clinicians, clinical practice examples from your fellow participants, quizzes and recommendations for further study. Content is available to participants for one year to review for certification.

PREPARE FOR CERTIFICATION

Supplementary resources include tools to help you achieve certification with either the Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses (AMSN) or the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

STEERING COMMITTEE

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FEATURED TOPICS

Acute Pain Management
Cardiovascular Impairment
Caring for the Older Adult
Endocrine Disorders
Fluid and Electrolytes &
Acid-Base Balance
Focused Caring
Gastrointestinal Disorders
Hematological Disorders
Infection Prevention
Legal and Ethical Issues
Mental Health
Neurological Impairment
Orthopedic Issues
Renal System
Respiratory Disorders
Sepsis Management
Wound Care

"This class has helped to remind me that learning is a lifelong commitment with nursing."

—Course Participant



QUESTIONS?

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CO-SPONSORING OR PARTNER REGISTRANT

Enrollment may be limited at your site. Early registration is strongly recommended.

TO REGISTER FOR THE COURSE:

1. Attain approval from your Agency Coordinator to take this course.
2. Get registration information from your Agency Coordinator on how to proceed.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRANT

Individual registrants will complete this class entirely online with the guidance of an experienced medical-surgical nurse educator.

For assistance with registration, contact medsurg@uw.edu or 206-543-1047.

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