

# Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Review Course Co-Sponsorship Overview

## Your Agency is Invited to Partner With Us!

You are invited to partner with the University of Washington to bring this unique 15-week, online continuing education course to nurses at your organization. Organizations may choose to accelerate the same content material in a 10-week course. The course combines distance learning methods with agency-based mentorship to prepare nurses for certification in medical-surgical nursing. With the group-paced learning model, your agency will participate as part of a greater cohort of nurses at healthcare agencies in urban and rural areas.

## Customizable, Blended Learning

Video lectures and supplementary learning material are posted online. Organizations may choose to augment online study with an on-site component. An Agency Coordinator (AC) at each site mentors participants and organizes the on-site component at the agency's discretion. Participants earn 46.5 contact hours upon successful completion.

## 15 Weeks of Expert Content

- Class content requires 2.5 - 4 hours each week, including lectures, practice quizzes, and other assignments.
- Online classes do not require onsite attendance. Any requirement to attend in-person sessions is optional and at the agency's discretion.
- Content is posted on a password-protected website, and is available to all participants 24/7.

## Cost of Co-Sponsorship

The co-sponsorship fee for this course is \$5700, which covers tuition for 1-10 participants. Each additional registration (over 10) is \$570.

## Learn More about Becoming a Co-Sponsor!

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## Agency Coordinators

Each organization designates a qualified candidate as the Agency Coordinator (AC). ACs are experienced nurses who mentor participants about practice and certification issues, track participants' progress through the course, and communicate with UWCNE staff and facilitators. Appointing an Assistant AC is recommended for large classes of 15 or more participants. Tuition for the AC is fee-exempt. Tuition for an Assistant AC is fee-exempt if your agency registers 15 or more participants.

Agency Coordinators are encouraged to organize additional social and educational activities relevant to class content, such as on-site lectures featuring local speakers, a virtual group discussion board, study sessions, or an end-of-course celebration.

## Agency Support for the AC

Agency support for the series and the work of the AC is key to a successful course! Your agency is responsible for providing:

- Space, equipment, and technical support as needed.
- Release time and support for fulfilling responsibilities of the AC role, including remote-access meetings.
- Release time to attend the annual conference, Update in Medical-Surgical Nursing, in Seattle, WA (optional)
- Release time for agency-specific meetings (optional)

## Notable Outcomes

The medical-surgical certification exam pass rate over the past 15 years has averaged 97% (based on test results provided to CNE). Nurses come away from this course with increased confidence, competence, leadership and initiative in their practice.

