



CA State Chico, Online RN Refresher Course

Syllabus

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The CA State Chico, Online RN Refresher Course aims to prepare registered nurses with active licenses to care for adult medical-surgical patients in the hospital and patient care setting. This comprehensive program incorporates both didactic and practical experiences including web-based modules that review the nursing process, pharmacology, medical-surgical nursing, and professional nursing skills. This self-paced program seeks to increase nursing knowledge and confidence before re-entering the workforce. Through web-based education and participation in simulation scenarios, the staff is committed to supporting and guiding participants through this innovative course, encouraging participation in the online work and skills and simulation demonstrations. Using this course, nurses will gain the confidence needed to practice in this challenging healthcare environment.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

- A valid California RN license, or license in progress
- Current BLS/CPR card
- Access to high-speed internet
- Clinical experience in the past 5-7 years (recommended)
- Adult patient care experience (preferred)

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The student will be given the tools to meet the following objectives:

1. Complete the online programs with a self-paced approach to learning.
2. Review the principles of the nursing process.
3. Relate current practices in the care of the medical-surgical patient as evidenced by successful completion of the online modules and practical experiences at the Simulation Center.
4. Gain comfort with current pharmacological and medication administration principles that lead to safe clinical practice.

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5. Demonstrate current knowledge during the study of online modules, utilizing self-administered testing.
6. Demonstrate critical thinking skills using patient simulation and High-fidelity manikins.
7. Participate in the practice of clinical skills during a comprehensive active learning environment with One-on-one guidance from clinical experts.

TIME ALLOTMENT

Nurses are enrolled in this course for ONE 16-week semester. The course structure is a hybrid format that includes a scheduled, one-day visit to the Rural Northern California Simulation Center, located in Chico, California. Though you will be given a course schedule, you are allowed to complete the online educational components as self-paced. During the 16 weeks, the faculty will maintain oversight of your online coursework. The course will culminate in the participation of an in-person skills review and the use of simulation. The Sim and Skills Day provides the opportunity to apply your nursing knowledge, encourages critical thinking, and builds the confidence of a working RN.

COURSE CONTENT

The program consists of 32 online learning modules and assessments through which learning will occur independently using the course schedule of assignments. We recommend you follow our schedule as closely as possible, to prevent falling behind. In addition to the comprehensive text and audio portions of each lesson, the e-learning modules consist of many cognitive aids such as videos, skills checklists, photos, diagrams, tips for documentation, and clinical judgment questions to boost your skills. Flexibility in the completion of assignments is accepted, however, all assignments must be completed before attending the Skills and Simulation Session at the end of the course. The faculty is available on an ongoing basis for guidance, assistance in course-related concerns, and to track records of assignment completion.

EVALUATION METHODS

The assigned course modules encompass sections that will evaluate knowledge gained through a defined process consisting of pre-testing, reviewing the lesson, and post-testing. Each module requires a minimum test score of 75% or greater in the post-test. In addition to achieving the minimum test scores, students are expected to review the lesson for each module. Suggested Remediation Review of the material is available, with directed learning and additional areas of study presented as an option.

TEXTBOOK/ MATERIALS

The ATI Adult Medical-Surgical e-text is accessed through the course in the same manner as the modules. We do not offer hard copies to ensure the information we provide is the most up-to-date.

CLINICAL FACILITY SITE

The online program is considered phase 1. Approximately one week after completing Phase 1, Phase 2 (Skills/Sim Day) will be held at the Rural Northern California Simulation Center in Chico, CA. Students are expected to attend this session after successful completion of all online modules. Skills review practice is held in the AM, with an afternoon of patient care scenarios in the PM. There is no testing on Simulation Day. There is no direct patient care contact for this course. The RN Refresher course clinical simulation uses manikins exclusively.

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