Improve Critical Care Orientation

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ORIENT NURSES FASTER AND MORE CONSISTENTLY WITH A COMPLETE EVIDENCE-BASED ONLINE PROGRAM

Essentials of Critical Care Orientation (ECCO®) from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN®) provides novice nurses the theoretical foundation to effectively care for patients. The modules begin with an anatomy review, progress to medical problems in each area, and continue to treatments and after-care. ECCO addresses the anatomy and physiology of the body systems, relevant diagnostic information, and the clinical presentation and management of common disorders for each of the body systems. With this program, your organization will have the flexibility to orient nurses whenever hiring needs dictate and employee competence will be improved because educators can spend more time on applied training. By implementing ECCO as a key component of orientation programs, educators can launch successful, standardized training with confidence.

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ECCO features compelling graphics and animation to explain topics that are difficult to teach in a live setting alone.

IMPACT

Increase Consistency
- Evidence-based, standardized education directly from AACN
- Content that is continually reviewed and updated

Increase Flexibility in Hiring
- Orient nurses on an as-needed basis
- Integrate ECCO as a powerful adjunct to classroom and preceptor learning activities

Improve Employee Competence
- Provide educators more time for applied learning with trainees
FEATURES:
- Ten modules organized according to a body systems approach
- Each module contains an e-learning notebook, downloadable documents for offline reference, and supplementary tips called Practice Pearls
- Interactive content with rich graphics and illustrations
- Easy-to-use format that accommodates various learning styles
- Supplemented by Basic ECG Interpretation course

INITIATIVES AND GOALS SUPPORTED:
- Critical Care Orientation
- Medical-Surgical Orientation
- Annual CE Requirements for Nursing
- Promoting Professional Development
- Just-In-Time Hiring

RECOMMENDED FOR:
- Critical Care nurse trainees
- New and experienced nurses working with adult, monitored patients in an acute or critical-care setting

COURSEWARE CONTENT:
- ECCO includes the following modules:
  - Introduction to Care of the Critically Ill
  - Care of the Patient with Cardiovascular Disorders
  - Care of the Patient with Pulmonary Disorders
  - Basic Hemodynamic Monitoring
  - Care of the Patient with Neurological Disorders
  - Care of the Patient with Gastrointestinal Disorders
  - Care of the Patient with Renal Disorders
  - Care of the Patient with Endocrine Disorders
  - Care of the Patient with Hematologic Disorders
  - Care of the Patient with Multisystem Disorders

SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS

Essentials of Critical Care Orientation was developed by experts at the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN™), the world’s largest specialty nursing organization.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

This program is provided by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) for 69 Contact Hours, Category A. (Synergy Category A).

The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

AACN has been approved as a provider of continuing education in nursing by the State Boards of Nursing of Alabama (#ABNP0062), California (#01036), and Louisiana (#ABN12). AACN programming meets the standards for most other states requiring mandatory continuing education credit for relicensure.