Improve Critical Care Orientation

“With ECCO, we can offer a structured orientation into critical care that is written to national standards. The online format gives us more flexibility to hire nurses whenever they are needed instead of waiting to hire on a fixed schedule.”

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OPTIMIZE INTEGRATION OF NURSES INTO CRITICAL CARE PRACTICE

Essentials of Critical Care Orientation (ECCO®) from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) is an interactive, case-based program that immerses nurses in real-world situations, while interactive elements encourage critical thinking when making decisions about patient care. Offered with customized tracks for the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Progressive Care Unit (PCU), ECCO offers a safe environment for learners to explore and make mistakes while receiving corrective instruction and rationale. This program is designed as a comprehensive didactic learning experience for any nurse working with acutely or critically ill patients. The modules cover the diagnostic tools, diseases and disorders, and patient management principles common in the critical care environment.

ECCO uses an interactive web-based platform consistent with the actual practice environment.

IMPACT

Time-Saving
• Allows more time for blended learning application and simulation opportunities, compared to traditional classroom instruction

Cost-Effective
• Reduces training costs by minimizing time spent in classrooms and simulation labs

Evidence-Based
• Provides the latest evidence-based nursing knowledge and best practices for critical care nurses
FEATURES:

- Learners can check their understanding with reviews, knowledge checks, and module exams
- ICU (18 modules) or PCU (17 modules) tracks ensure learners receive content most relevant to their practice
- Rich illustration and animation, click-to-view topics, and interactive exercises are used throughout the program
- Implementation Guide
  - Incorporate critical thinking, hands-on clinical training, and blended learning into orientation programs
  - Tailor learning to the specific needs of the learner and lesson plans

INITIATIVES AND GOALS SUPPORTED:

Upon completing this course, learners will be able to:

- Identify evidence-based care strategies to prevent HAIs and complications
- Demonstrate knowledge of common conditions experienced by the acutely ill
- Evaluate assessment data and determine priority interventions
- Apply various monitoring modalities to evaluate patient progress and make care decisions
- Anticipate and take steps to prevent potential complications
- Assess the effectiveness of interventions for critically ill patients

RECOMMENDED FOR:

- Nurses new to critical care or experienced nurses transitioning to critical care practice

COURSEWARE CONTENT:

ECCO modules cover the following topics:

- Caring for Patients with Cardiovascular Disorders (4 modules)
- Caring for Patients with Endocrine Disorders
- Caring for Patients with Gastrointestinal Disorders
- Caring for Patients with Hematologic Disorders
- Caring for Patients with Multisystem Disorders
- Caring for Patients with Neurologic Disorders (2 modules)
- Caring for Patients with Pulmonary Disorders
- Caring for Patients with Renal Disorders (2 modules)
- Global Perspectives in the Care of Critically Ill Patients (2 modules)
- Hemodynamic Monitoring of Critically Ill Patients (2 modules)

SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS

Essentials of Critical Care Orientation (ECCO) is 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 AACN for 78.6 CE contact hours for the ICU track or 74.6 CE contact hours for the PCU track. Learners must complete 100% of the activity, have an 80% or higher passing score on exam, and complete the associated evaluation for each module to be awarded contact hours. No partial credit will be awarded.

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