

Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course (ENPC)

Philosophy

While trauma is the leading cause of death in children, acute illness is also a source of unnecessary pediatric death. Emergency care visits by infants, children and adolescents account for more than 31 million emergency department visits each year. In the United States, it is estimated that one pediatric patient per second seeks emergency care, and the majority of these pediatric patients are seen in general emergency departments. In many instances, preventable pediatric deaths are the result of delayed recognition and treatment by emergency department personnel where proper intervention may have prevented these outcomes.

Are You Ready to Care for Pediatric Patients?

The majority of hospitals in the United States report seeing over 7,000 pediatric patients annually, but only 6% of these report having the pediatric equipment and supplies recommended by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP).

Why a Course in Pediatric Emergency Nursing?

Recognizing the need for a course in pediatric emergency nursing, the ENA developed the ENPC course to improve care of the pediatric patient by increasing the knowledge, skill and confidence of emergency nurses. Based on the belief that knowledge and preparation is the core of any discipline, ENPC teaches participants to identify the ill or injured child and the significant, yet subtle changes in the less acute pediatric patient. Additionally, the course teaches all aspects of pediatric emergency nursing, including growth and development, pediatric trauma and resuscitation.

About the Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course

ENPC is a 16-hour course designed to provide core-level pediatric knowledge and psychomotor skills needed to care for pediatric patients in the emergency setting. The course presents a systematic assessment model, integrates the associated anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology and identifies appropriate interventions. Triage categorization and injury prevention strategies are included in the course content. ENPC is taught using a variety of formats including, online learning, lectures, videos, group discussion and hands-on skill stations that encourage participants to integrate their psychomotor abilities into a patient situation in a risk-free setting.

ENPC Course Content

- Introduction: Preparing for Pediatric Patients
- Epidemiology
- From the Start
- Prioritization: Focused Assessment, Triage, and Decision Making
- Initial Assessment
- Pain
- Common Procedures and Sedation
- Medication Administration
- Vascular Access
- Respiratory Emergencies
- Childhood Illness
- The Neonate
- The Adolescent
- Shock
- Rhythm Disturbances
- Trauma
- Toxicological Emergencies
- Behavioral Emergencies
- Environmental Emergencies
- Child Maltreatment
- Crisis
- Disaster
- Stabilization and Transport

Skill Stations

- Management of the Ill or Injured Pediatric Patient
- Pediatric Clinical Considerations

ENPC Verification

Verification will be issued from ENA to RN participants upon successful completion of the course. Verification remains current for four years. Non-RN participants are able to attend and receive CE hours.