

Accelerated Critical Care Nursing

Program Foundations

Mohawk College's Accelerated Critical Care Nursing (ACCN) program was developed to address the critical care nursing shortage in hospitals and improve overall quality of care. The program is designed to provide training opportunities for existing critical care nurses upskilling between levels of care, newly hired nurses in critical care positions, and current staff nurses with an interest in moving into critical care, and is delivered as a full-time, accelerated 9-week program with an integrated ECG/EKG pre-learn module. The innovative design combines online learning and clinical experience through 9 weeks of self-directed, asynchronous virtual learning, complemented with up to 190-hours of integrated clinical experience allowing students to integrate new knowledge into their critical care practice on an ongoing basis.

Program Structure



1 WEEK OF PRE-LEARN (ECG/EKG)

Learners will participate in 1 week of self-directed virtual learning with a specific focus on electrocardiography for a total of 3 days online and two clinical experience days focusing on ECG/EKG.



8 WEEKS OF VIRTUAL LEARNING

Learners will participate in 8 weeks of online asynchronous learning comprised of didactic instruction and virtual simulation facilitated by a Mohawk College instructor for a total of 24-29 hours per week of assigned learning activities and self-study.



2 INTENSIVE SKILLS LABS

Learners will complete two 8-hour face-to-face skills labs at the Institute for Applied Health Sciences at McMaster University in Hamilton.



INTEGRATED CLINICAL PRACTICUM

Learners will be required to complete up to 190 hours of clinical learning which includes 2 shifts per week in their home hospitals under the supervision of staff educators. These hours will be completed during the 8 weeks of virtual learning and the week following completion of online course work.

Learning Plan Overview



ECG/EKG INTERPRETATION



INTRODUCTION TO CRITICAL CARE



CARDIOVASCULAR



NEUROSCIENCE



GI/GU



RESPIRATORY



SPECIAL POPULATIONS



CLINICAL PRACTICUM

General Outcomes of the ACCN Program

At the end of the course, graduates will have developed the skills and ability to:

- Demonstrate professional competence by meeting all requirements set forth in the ACCN program, and be able to demonstrate competence in their specific area of practice within the probationary period
- Provide care which recognizes and respects the dignity, culture and individuality of patients and clients in a safe environment
- Critically evaluate the Critical Care Nurse role within the multi-disciplinary healthcare team
- Act in an ethical and accountable manner
- Communicate effectively in all aspects of the profession
- Demonstrate the ability to think critically and problem solve effectively
- Work as an effective member of the team

Career & Pathway Opportunities

Specialization in Critical Care Nursing increases the opportunity for employment in critical care areas such as Adult ICUs or Emergency rooms, step down units, and in some instances, post-operative care areas.

The Accelerated Critical Care Nursing Micro-Certification Program will also prepare learners for the [CNA Critical Care Nursing Certification Examination](#).

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