

C.E. Online Course Descriptions

Professional Nursing Care of the Foot and Toenail

Course Fee: \$600.00

General Course Information: This course explores the structure, function, assessment, and management of the foot and toenails. Content includes holistic assessment of the foot and toenail, skin and toenail nursing interventions, basic wound management, and lower extremity ulcers.

Purpose of the Education Activity: Participants will gain knowledge and skill in the safe and effective care of foot and toenail care specifically for patients with lower extremity arterial, neuropathic, and diabetic disease processes.

Objectives: On successful completion of this course, the learner will be able to:

1. Describe the structure and function of the healthy foot and toenails.
2. Organize nursing assessment, strategies, and patient education for maintenance of healthy foot, toenails, and skin.
3. Analyze holistic history and assessment data to develop the nursing plan of care.
4. Apply vascular, structural, skin, nail, and neurological assessment techniques to identify patients at risk for foot and toenail disorders.
5. Compare pathology, clinical presentation, and practice standards in the care of the patient with foot and toenail disorders.
6. Relate risk assessment inclusion criteria: risk of foot ulceration, risk of amputation, and risk for impaired quality of life related to foot pathology.
7. Employ the American Diabetes Foot Care Guidelines for prevention and treatment of the diabetic foot.
8. Use the appropriate nursing interventions for common and complex problems of the foot and toenail.
9. Propose appropriate patient referrals including primary care and specialty providers and other health provider resources.
10. Compare factors included in a footwear and mobility risk assessment.
11. Explain the Therapeutic Shoe Bill, implications for prevention, including medical necessity and prescription documentation required reimbursement for therapeutic shoes and orthotics.
12. Employ accurate terminology when documenting assessment data and prevention and treatment strategies.

13. Differentiate between lower extremity arterial, venous, and neuropathic disease processes.
14. Apply wound and lower extremity assessment data to select the appropriate topical therapy for wounds of the feet and toes.

Successful completion: To successfully complete this learning activity, the learner must listen to a series of recorded lessons/modules, quizzes, and a final exam. The series of lessons to be completed at the learner's own pace, but must be finished within 6 months. Successful completion includes completing all course elements, 80% on the final exam, and submitting the course evaluation. If the learner does not achieve at least 80% on the final exam on the first try, s/he can review the course materials and try again.

C.E. Awarded: TBA

Course Availability: This course will be available through June, 2018

"The Ick Factor: Managing Wound Infection"

Course Fee: \$25.00

General course Information: Gain skill in assessing the infected wound for management options based on severity.

Objectives: On successful completion of this course, the learner will be able to:

1. Distinguish between contamination, colonization, critical colonization, & infection.
2. Discuss the effect of bio-burden on wound infection & treatment.
3. Identify surgical site infections and how to prevent them.

Purpose of the Education Activity: In this independent learning module the learner will update his/her knowledge of assessing for wound infection based on the severity of the specific infection and the patient's co-morbidities.

Successful completion: Successfully course completion includes listening to the recorded modules/lessons, score at least 80% on the post-test, and complete the course evaluation. If you do not achieve 80% on the post-test, you will be directed on the remedial process and will be offered a second attempt. If you achieve 80% on the second attempt, the contact hours will be awarded.

C.E. Awarded: 1.83 contact hours will be awarded on successful completion.

Course Availability: This course will be available through May 23, 2017