

Course Description

The Nurse Re-Entry Course is designed for nurses who have been away from the nursing field for several years. The course is a combination of traditional classroom activities, online coursework, laboratory simulations, and clinical experiences with a preceptor at a local hospital. Upon completion of the 12 week course, the nurse will feel prepared to re-enter acute care nursing settings and will function effectively as a nurse.

Course Outline

Module 1 – Professional Nursing Practice

Module 2 – Pharmacology

Module 3 – Physical Assessment

Module 4 – Systems Review

Module 5 – Management, Delegation, Critical Thinking, self Governance

For each module

- Pre test and post tests
- Objectives
- Learning Activities
- Discussion Board topic

Preceptor expectations and agreement

Participant Guidelines

Competency Self Assessment

- A tool for participants to assess areas for refreshing and areas of competency.*
- The Nurse Educator will also assess the participant for competency and assistance in identifying areas for improvement.*

Guided learning modules

- A listing of detailed modules for both online and traditional coursework.*
- Each module will have pre and post tests to validate learning.*

Nurse educator

The course will be led by nursing educators who will provide professional guidance and support throughout the course.

Preceptorship Experience

- Each participant will be assigned to a staff nurse at local hospitals. The preceptor will guide clinical learning experiences and evaluate participant progression through the course.*
- 80 Hours of direct patient care is required. This clinical experience can be completed in any block of time during the course dates.*

Certificate of Completion

- awarded upon completion of course and clinical requirements.*

Admission Requirements

- Current licensure in the state of VA
- Current CPR
- Agree to abide by practice guidelines at the participating hospital
- Access to a computer and internet
- Obtain drug screen, 2 step PPD, background check at own expense

Evaluation Tools

Course evaluations
3 month followup evaluations
Instructor evaluations
Preceptor evaluations
Facility evaluations
Employer evaluations