



PCCN® Exam Review

Course Description

This course is designed for those nurses working in the Progressive Care Unit who wish to take the PCCN Examination offered by AACN. The Progressive Care Area is defined as any unit referred to as: Intermediate Care, Direct Observation, Step-down, Telemetry Units or Transitional Care. The course will focus on core concepts defined by AACN that are essential for caring for this diverse population of adult patients.

Program Learning Outcomes

This program prepares the learner to:

- Describe the PCCN Exam, test plan and the practice requirements to sit for the exam.
- Construct a study plan for the exam based on understanding the blueprint and domains of practice covered.
- Identify common mistakes and pitfalls that are made during studying and testing for the exam.
- Recall the core components covered in the exam through didactic supplementation and test questions.

Agenda

Sign-in begins at 7:30 am. Each day includes a one-hour lunch (on your own), as well as a morning and afternoon break of 15 minutes each. The order of lectures presented and break times may vary according to speaker preference.

Day 1, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Applying to Take the Exam

Professional Caring and Ethical Practice

Synergy Model Reviewed | Informatics | Systems Thinking

Cardiovascular

Physiology and Hemodynamics | Acute Coronary Syndrome | Acute Myocardial Infarction | Heart Failure | Endocarditis

Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Hematology

Life-Threatening Coagulopathies | Blood Product Replacement | Inflammation

Endocrine

Diabetes Insipidus and Syndrome of Inappropriate ADH | Diabetes Ketoacidosis and Hyperosmolar Coma | Hypoglycemia

Gastrointestinal

GI Bleed | Hepatic Failure | Acute Pancreatitis | Bowel Infarction | Abdominal Trauma

Agenda

Day 2, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Neuro

Care of the Brain-Injured Patient | Stroke (Ischemic, Hemorrhagic) | Increased Intracranial Pressure | Seizures | Spinal Cord Injury

Behavioral and Psychosocial

Delirium and Dementia | Mood Disorders and Depression | Substance Abuse

Renal

Renal Assessment | Acute Renal Failure | Electrolytes

Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Pulmonary

Assessment and Physiology | Acute Respiratory Failure | ARDS | Pneumonia | Pulmonary Embolus | Asthma | Chest Trauma

Multisystem

Sepsis | Septic Shock | MODS

Summary/ Test-Taking Strategies



Accreditation

RN/LPN/LVN/Other: 14 Contact Hours & 2 pharmacology hours.

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