

Course Description

This two-day seminar has been developed to prepare nurses for the Subspecialty Certification in Cardiac Medicine (CMC) Exam. The seminar may also be used to provide education regarding acute and chronic cardiac disorders for all healthcare workers. The agenda content has been adopted based on the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) test blueprint for the CMC Subspecialty Exam. The content will be based on current guidelines from the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association. A case study approach will be used to comprehensively evaluate the assessment and management of cardiac patients.

Program Learning Outcomes

This program prepares the learner to:

- Describe the Subspecialty Certification in Cardiac Medicine 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

Introduction: AACN Certification

Test Requirements | Test Blueprint | Test-Taking Strategies

Cardiac Anatomy and Physiology Review

The Essentials | Anatomy: The Heart and Great Vessels | Coronary Artery: Anatomy and Physiology | Sympathetic and Parasympathetic Systems | Electrical and Mechanical Function

Cardiac Assessment

Critical Components | Cardiac, Vascular Assessment | Hemodynamics | ECG

Cardiac Pathophysiology

Coronary Artery Disease | Assessment | Diagnosis and Treatment Modalities

Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Heart Failure

Incidence and Statistics | Diagnosis | Treatment Modalities

Valvular Disease: Physical Findings, Diagnosis, Treatment

Mitral Stenosis/Insufficiency | Aortic Stenosis/Insufficiency

Day 2, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Introduction to Cardiac Surgery and Medical Intervention

Interventions | Treatment Summary of Coronary Artery Disease and Heart Failure

Indications for CABG and/or Valve Repair or Replacement

Preoperative Assessment | Perioperative Period | Techniques of Surgery | Effects of Bypass | Effects of Hypothermia

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Aortic Aneurysm and Dissection

Postoperative and Procedural Care | Goals | Immediate Interventions | Complications | Bleeding | DIC | Blood Products | Low Cardiac Output Syndrome

Lunch 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Right Ventricular Failure and Pulmonary Hypertension

Pulmonary Complications | Neurological Complications | Renal Complications | Gastrointestinal Complications

Summary

Accreditation

RN/LPN/LVN/Other: 13 Contact Hours

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