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 | Test-Taking Strategies

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**

Accreditation

**RN/LPN/LVN/Other: 14 Contact Hours**

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