The Art and Science of Triage

Course Description
The position of triage can be an exciting, eventful and sometimes frustrating assignment for both the seasoned and novice emergency nurse. Responsibilities inherent in this position include prompt, appropriate bed assignments, crowd control and excellent communication skills along with the ability to multitask and deal with multiple stimuli. The art and science of triage require experience, knowledge, stamina and a good sense of humor. This course will serve as a learning experience regarding the myriad patient presentations that the triage nurse faces each day. An overview of the ESI system will be discussed with patient scenarios incorporated throughout the program.

Program Learning Outcomes
This program prepares the learner to:
- Understand the true “art” of triage within the definition of the triage position.
- List differential diagnoses based on chief complaints.
- Triage patients appropriately based on an understanding of potential outcomes for the patient.
- Describe the criteria for ESI placement of patients.
- Place patients into appropriate ESI categories.

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
- 0800 Welcome and Introduction
- 0815 Pretest Answers
- 0830 Survival Techniques
- 0930 The Basics of Triage
- 1000 Break
- 1015 Specific Patient Populations
- 1215 Lunch
- 1315 Emergency Severity Index
- 1445 Break
- 1500 Chief Complaints
- 1630 Adjourn
Agenda

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

0800  Chief Complaints (cont.)
0930  Break
0945  Legalities in the Triage Arena
1045  Practice Scenarios
1145  Lunch
1245  Questions and Answers
1315  Let’s Play!
1430  Break
1445  Post-Test
1600  Adjourn

Accreditation

RN/LPN/LVN/Other: 13.5 Contact Hours

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