



Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses ATCN

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Course Description:

The Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN) Course is taught concurrently with approved Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Courses.

Course Goals:

Benefits of the ATCN course include an educational, team building, collaborative and synchronized approach to trauma care as trauma nurses share didactic lectures with the physician attendees of the ATLS course. Doctors and nurses caring for trauma patients have the opportunity to share a common language and approach to trauma care. When the ATLS attendees break out for physician skill stations, the ATCN nurses join small group trauma nursing skill stations.

These ATCN skill stations are based on an interactive "hands on", scenario based approach to adult education. ATCN students are given both the ATLS student manual and the ATCN student manual. The ATCN course was developed in response to a need for advanced trauma education for nurses. The ATCN course has been operational for over twenty years and is held under the auspices of the Society of Trauma Nurses (STN). STN is a professional, international nursing organization that spans the continuum of trauma care.

Course Outline:

Day 1:

Initial Assessment & Management*
Airway and Ventilatory Management*
Shock*
Thoracic Trauma*
Abdominal and Pelvic Trauma*

Rotation in Practical Skill Stations

Airway and Ventilatory Management
Hemorrhagic Shock
Initial Assessment & Management

Day 2: Lectures

Head Trauma*
Spine & Spinal Cord Trauma*
Musculoskeletal Trauma**
Thermal Injuries*
Pediatric Trauma*
Geriatric Trauma*
Trauma in Pregnancy &
Intimate Partner Violence*

Rotation in Practical Skill Stations

Spine & Extremity Injury
Pediatric Trauma
Head Trauma

Practical skills stations & testing by ATCN faculty.

* Lectures by ALTS faculty.

Upon successful completion of this program, the nurse will be able to:

1. Assess the trauma patient's condition rapidly and accurately;
2. Perform a primary assessment and resuscitation with decision to transfer on a priority basis;
3. Discuss indications for and treatment goals with nursing responsibilities for various adjuncts, management techniques of hemorrhagic shock, head trauma, spine and extremity trauma and special management considerations of managing pediatric trauma;
4. Perform a comprehensive secondary assessment.

*Please note, you must be a Registered Nurse to take this course, however, we do welcome Registered Practical Nurses as auditors.

Spaces are limited to a maximum of 16 participants per course (not including auditors).
Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Registration fee includes the ATLS & ATCN student manual (9th Edition), breakfast, snacks and lunch on both days.



ATCN Course Registration Form 2015

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Requested Course Date :

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Email:

Telephone:

Unit:

Hospital

Payment by Cheque:

Please make cheques payable to: **St. Michael's Hospital - ATCN**

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St. Michael's Hospital
30 Bond Street, 3-075 Donnelly Wing
Toronto, ON M5B 1W8

by fax: 416-864-6015

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Method of Payment

Auditor (\$ 200.00)

RN (\$ 375.00)

Please select one:

Credit Card Number:

Expiry Date:

Authorized Signature:

CANCELLATION POLICY:

A partial refund minus \$200.00 processing fee will be given if cancellation is received up to 14 days prior to the course date. Cancellations received between 7 - 14 days of the course will receive a refund of half the course registration fees.

**Cancellations received with less than 7 days notice
of the course date will receive no refund.**