



NEW CPD Certificate

National Foundation Education Module

Critical Care Nursing

The National Foundation Module in Critical Care Nursing is a 10 credit, part-time, taught, blended learning module designed to meet the learning needs of busy Registered Nurses (RNs), by providing a flexible (blended) learning environment. The duration of this module is 26 weeks. There are two intakes per year: September and February.

2026 Dates	Activity	Cohort 8
Feb 9th	On-line Orientation to Module (attendance compulsory)	
Feb 9 th – Feb. 27 th	Care of patient with altered respiratory function	
March 2 nd - March 20 th	Care of patient with altered cardiovascular function	
March 5th	Virtual workshop (attendance compulsory)	
March 23 rd - April 3 rd	Care of patient with altered renal function	
April 6 th – April 17 th	Care of patient with altered gastrointestinal and endocrine function	
April 20 th – May 1 st	Care of patient with altered neurological function	
May 4 th – May 15 th	Care of the Critically Ill Patient	
May 28th	Online MCQ exam & Virtual workshop (attendance compulsory)	
May 18 th - Aug. 8 th	Clinical learning consolidation and completion of Competency Attainment Record	
Aug. 7th	Submission of Clinical Competency Booklet	

Assessment type	Assessment details
PowerPoint Presentation	Mid Semester: Case study Presentation and self report where the student presents a clinical case study to colleagues in their own clinical setting.
1 hour MCQ exam 50 questions	End of module: Multiple Choice Questionnaire (MCQ) The MCQ will test the learner's knowledge of the theoretical components of this module.
Assessed in the clinical area	Clinical Competency Achievement: Submission of clinical competency booklet to evaluate the ability of the registered nurse to practice safely and effectively fulfilling his/her professional responsibility in the critical care environment..

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