

RN REFRESHER PROGRAM

Arapahoe Community College's Corporate Learning Division Nurse Refresher Program is designed for the RN who has been away from practice and would like to enhance their nursing knowledge and clinical skills in preparation for re-entry into active practice. The course is offered in 3 modules beginning with Module One which is an online theory course. Module Two is a six week hands-on skills lab course utilizing Arapahoe Community College's (ACC) nursing lab at the University of Chaparral (UCC) campus in Parker, CO. Module Three consists of 120 hours of onsite practicum experience at an approved nursing facility after passing the final exam. Instructors will advise students and give guidance as they progress through the modules of the program. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CLASS IS ONLY FOR RNs WHO HAVE BEEN OUT OF NURSING FOR LESS THAN 15 YEARS.**

RN REFRESHER COURSE PLAN

REQUIRED ORIENTATION – Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Location: ACC UCC Campus – 15653 Brookstone Drive, Parker, CO 80134

All Pre-requisites listed below must be completed and submitted before Orientation; if not, the RN student will not be allowed to continue with the program. At Orientation, you will meet the instructors, receive your online log-in information, review the online course using computers, receive textbooks, preview the Skills Lab, and receive answers to any questions. Please be prepared to stay for the entire duration of the orientation.

MODULE 1 – Online Course – This is a 120 hour online computer course which RNs will be given 16 weeks to complete. Activities include assigned readings, background information, case studies, Internet linkage to other sites for further information and self-testing. A final exam will be required after all sections of the program and the skills lab are completed successfully. The exam will cover all course materials (online course, textbook, reference/resource materials, etc.). **You must pass this final exam to continue on to Module 3** (Clinical Practicum). An overview of the content is as follows:

Chapter 1	Concepts and Skills	Chapter 6	Med / Surgical Concepts
Chapter 2	Therapeutic Advances	Chapter 7	Psychology of Patients
Chapter 3	Systems and Clinical Update	Chapter 8	Administering Meds
Chapter 4	Contemporary Issues	Chapter 9	Liability
Chapter 5	Critical Thinking		

MODULE 2 – Skills Lab Sessions – The Skills Lab sessions are held for 6 consecutive weeks beginning **Tuesday, September 29, 2009 thru Tuesday, November 3, 2009**. Skills Labs are scheduled to meet from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the ACC UCC Campus – 15653 Brookstone Drive, Parker, CO, 80134. **Attendance is mandatory!**

MODULE 3 – Clinical Practicum – Clinical Practicum is to begin when the Online and Skills Lab sessions are successfully completed, the student has passed the final exam, and has received approval from the Clinical Coordinator. The student is required to complete 120 hours of clinical practicum at an ACC approved facility. A Clinical Coordinator will assist the student with clinical placement; **however** students are encouraged to identify an acute care clinical setting in which to complete their practice hours per established criteria. The student is also encouraged to identify a nurse preceptor within that institution. **Both the institution and preceptor are subject to approval by the Clinical Coordinator.** The clinical experience is individualized for the student based on their background, education and planned work environment. The clinical practicum is a minimum of 1 day a week and takes about 5-8 weeks to complete. The student will be paired with a preceptor throughout the entire practicum experience and is accountable for data forms, checklists (found in Module 5 online) and completing program requirements, per established criteria.

Nursing Prerequisites:

- Proof of Current/Lapsed Nursing License
- Proof of Professional Liability Insurance
- Proof of Current BLS for Healthcare Providers Card
- Proof of Current Immunizations
- Complete and Pass a Background Check

Technology Prerequisites

- Proficient with E-mail and Internet Searches
- Upload/download Documents
- Use Online Quiz and Exam Tools
- Windows XP Recommended
- Familiarity with Windows Environment

***The RN Refresher online course was jointly developed by ACC and AHEC*