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RN Refresher Course

Returning to clinical practice after a number of years away from patient care can be daunting. The Michigan State University College of Nursing's RN Refresher Program is an online course that provides registered nurses who wish to return to active clinical practice with core competencies to resume their careers in a safe, competent and confident manner.


Nurses in the RN Refresher course will build on their experiences in the field, receiving updates on technology, management of medical/surgical conditions, and improvements in nursing care. The theory portion of the RN Refresher course will be provided online. Using this convenient format, the nurse has the flexibility to set their pace for completion of the coursework. A 120-hour precepted clinical practicum is completed in the nurse's home community providing opportunities to care for patients with selected medical/surgical conditions in a hospital setting. Upon successful completion of the program, the nurse will be awarded a certificate from the Michigan State University College of Nursing.



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Curriculum




The theory component consists of 15 modules that review current practice focusing on the changes in care for acutely ill adults. Case studies of patients with an exemplar condition and web-based assignments supplement textbook readings and prepare the nurse for the current practice environment. Module topics with exemplars are below.

- Computer and Internet Skills
- Professional Nursing Role & Current Issues
- Nursing Process and Culturally Competent Care
- American Health Care Delivery System
- Pharmacology and Medication Administration
- Patients with Immune System Problems - Cancer
- Patients with Oxygenation Problems – COPD
- Patients with Cardiovascular Problems – Heart Failure
- Patients with Neurological and Sensory Problems - Stroke
- Patients with Musculoskeletal Problems – Joint Replacement Surgery
- Patients with Digestive and Nutritional Problems – Crohns Disease
- Patients with Elimination and Filtration Problems – Renal Failure
- Patients with Endocrine and Metabolic Problems - Diabetes
- Patients with Cognitive and Mental Health Problems – Alzheimer’s Disease
- Patients with Protection and Infection Problems – HIV / AIDS



Clinical Sites/Practicum



The clinical practicum for this course is a 120 hour clinical experience guided by a hospital based RN preceptor and under the supervision of the MSU RN Refresher course faculty. Participants and their preceptors will receive materials that outline a sequence of progressively more complex clinical experiences and the competencies required for successful completion of the program. The RN and preceptor have opportunities for regular communication with MSU RN Refresher course faculty. Successful completion of the clinical practicum is a course requirement.



Application Requirements

Participants in the RN Refresher course must hold an active, unrestricted Registered Nurse license and must provide proof of graduation from an accredited RN program. Those who have allowed their RN license to lapse should contact the program coordinator to determine eligibility for the program.

Faculty

The MSU College of Nursing faculty share their diverse educational, clinical, and research experiences with their students — helping to shape leaders in the health care field. Students can be confident that the goal of their educators is to cultivate a student-centered learning experience that will develop their knowledge of health care, nursing practice, and nursing research.

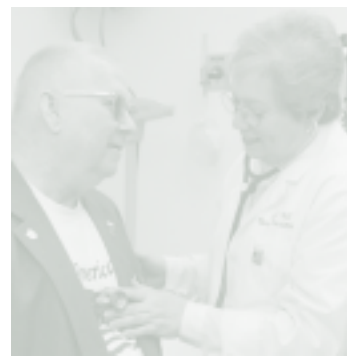
Career Opportunities

Because of the current nursing shortage, employers are seeking experienced nurses who have updated their skills for full and part time positions in many specialties. This program is designed for the RN who wishes to return to direct patient care. The clinical practicum emphasizes skills used in hospitals, sub acute, rehabilitation and long term care settings.

Why MSU

For nearly 150 years, Michigan State University has been advancing knowledge and transforming lives. Its commitment to ground-breaking teaching, research and outreach gives MSU worldwide recognition. The University's 14 degree-granting colleges and affiliated private law school attract scholars from around the globe who are interested in combining education with practical problem solving.

The College of Nursing continues MSU's tradition of higher learning with programs that shape innovative and caring nurses. Graduates of the College are leaders in their field and have the education to make a difference in the ever-changing health care environment. The MSU College of Nursing is committed to providing cultural competence, diversity and international experiences to its students. Partnerships with communities and other important stakeholders help to ensure that each student is given the opportunity to achieve excellence not only in the classroom, but through research, practice and service.





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Contact Information

For more information on the RN Refresher Course, contact the College of Nursing: 1.800.605.6424 Option 6. Program details including fees, course materials and registration information can be found at our web page: www.nursing.msu.edu/continuingeducation.asp

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