

## Module 2: Ambulatory Care

### Facilitator Notes

Delivery time for this module is 6 hours and is presented online by the instructor. Students should be familiar with the following as it applies to ambulatory care:

- Refers to medical services performed on an outpatient basis, without admission to a hospital
- Normally involves settings such as: dialysis clinics; surgical centres; hospital outpatient departments; physician and other professional offices
- Includes: observation; diagnosis; consultation; treatment; intervention with possible rehabilitative measures
- Reduces hospital stays and admissions overall

### Student Guide/Materials

Brixey, B. and Newman, C.A. (2018). *Ambulatory Care Nursing Orientation and Competency Assessment Guide*. American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN). Luke Press.

### Skills Assessment

There are two domains in ambulatory care: clinical and non-clinical assessment. Working with your partner, list the clinical domains.

### Learning Activity

Discuss this question with your partner: When did ambulatory care begin in Canada?

### **Clinical Scenario 1**

*57-year-old Dan presented to the outpatient clinic for a revision of his left leg ulcer dressing. He is worried that the infection might have gotten worse.*

Domain: Knowledge-Based Practice

You have two (2) minutes to read the scenario. You will have seven (7) minutes to:

- Obtain a brief, focused and relevant history
- Address client concern
- Conduct a physical assessment as necessary

NOTE: As they proceed with the examination, the candidates must explain to the examiner what they are doing and describe any findings

At the seven (7) minute mark, you will have four (4) minutes to answer the examiner's questions related to the scenario.

Candidates have a total of eleven (11) minutes to complete the station

## **Clinical Scenario 2**

*You are in the outpatient department when you are approached by an elderly client who is 8 weeks post-CABG for directions to the washroom. He then falls on his way to the washroom.*

Each EIN candidate is exposed to the same clinical scenario and is expected to deliver within the same time frame. EIN's are tested and graded on the same level of difficulty.

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- Obtain a brief, focused and relevant history
- Address client concern
- Conduct a physical assessment as needed

NOTE: As they proceed with the examination, the candidates must explain to the examiner what they are doing and describe any findings

At the seven (7) minute mark, you will have four (4) minutes to answer the examiner's questions related to the scenario.

Candidates will have eleven (11) minutes to complete the station

## **Clinical Scenario 3**

*You are a nurse at an ambulatory clinic, and you are asked to assess a client who just had a fall. The client has a walker and was about to use the washroom.*

You have two (2) minutes to read the scenario. You will have seven (7) minutes to:

- Obtain a brief, focused and relevant history
- Address client concern
- Conduct a physical assessment as needed

NOTE: As they proceed with the examination, the candidates must explain to the examiner what they are doing and describe any findings

At the seven (7) minute mark, you will have four (4) minutes to answer the examiner's questions related to the scenario.

Candidates will have eleven (11) minutes to complete the station.