

## Module 7: Intensive/Critical Care

### Facilitator Notes

This module takes 3 hours to deliver online. In this module students learn that intensive care is normally provided to clients who are facing immediate life-threatening health conditions. This care is provided using advanced therapeutic monitoring and diagnostic technology to improve the patient's condition and underlying injury or illness.

### Student Guide/Materials

Burns, S.M. and Delgado, S.A. (November 6, 2018). *AACN Essentials of Critical Care Nursing*. 4<sup>th</sup> Ed. Ontario: McGraw Hill Education/Medical.

### Skill Assessment

In this module, students are assessed for these skills:

- Critical thinking
- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Broad understanding of health topics and care in any critical/trauma settings
- Collaborative skills
- Diagnostics and laboratory test
- Medication management
- Health assessment

### Learning Activity

Are you a novice or an advanced critical thinker? With your partner, identify the steps in thinking like a critical care nurse.

### **Clinical Scenario 1**

*A 40-year-old man admitted with gunshot wounds has a chest tube in situ. He has lost consciousness. You are the assigned nurse.*

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

## **Clinical Scenario 2**

*A 25-year-old female is admitted with low blood pressure and difficulty urinating. You are the assigned nurse.*

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

## **Clinical Scenario 3**

*Tommy, a 50-year-old, is admitted with a racing heart rate and fatigue. You are the assigned nurse.*

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