

## Course Content

**Module I** – addresses basic concepts and skills with universal application in the care of patients experiencing a variety of health care problems. Skills review and update are the major focuses of this module.

**Module II** – focuses on selected health problems for which there have been recent therapeutic advances. The pathophysiological and psychosocial aspects of each problem will be explored and the contemporary medical/surgical, pharmacological and nursing regimens will be examined. Primary emphasis is on new knowledge development.

**Module III** – consists of supervised, hands-on, clinical practicum in a cooperating hospital or long-term care facility. Participants will benefit from graduated experiences in providing direct patient care using new knowledge acquired from Modules I and II. These experiences will be coordinated through CLN and supervised by a nurse mentor on the hospital or long-term unit to which the student is assigned. Every effort will be made to place each participant in a facility geographically accessible to her or his home.

## Refresher Course Program Cost

Module I – \$550.00\*

Module II – \$550.00\*

Module III – \$1000.00\*

For additional information about course content, licensure guidelines and financial assistance from sponsoring hospitals, contact CLN at 203-265-4248.

\* Add a one-time \$25 registration fee and the cost of course material.



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## Educational Opportunities For Practicing RNs and Re-entering RNs and LPNs



- + The RN/LPN Refresher Courses
- + Introduction to Home Care Nursing
- + The Home Care Nursing Tutorials



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## + The RN/LPN Refresher Courses

These refresher courses were developed by the Connecticut League for Nursing (CLN) to prepare inactive RNs and LPNs who have been out of the practice setting for three to ten years to return to the field of nursing in a first-level medical/surgical staff position within a hospital, long-term care or home care setting. Each course provides the RN or LPN content-specific information that mirrors the current scope of practice within each clinical environment.

Courses consist of three modules. Modules I and II are offered entirely online and are accessible 24/7. The third module consists of a supervised clinical practicum within a cooperating hospital or long-term care facility. *Before participating in the third module, students must provide proof that they hold a current RN or LPN license.*

Only those who participate in all three modules will earn a refresher course certificate. Others interested in taking one or both of the online modules for personal enrichment may do so and will earn continuing education credit for the associated contact hours.

**RNs and LPNs who do not have a current Connecticut license, and who have been inactive in nursing practice for more than 10 years, MUST contact the Connecticut State Board of Nurse Examiners for review of their licensure status prior to registering for the refresher course. The RN reinstatement telephone number is 860-509-8389. For LPN reinstatement, call 860-509-8390.**

## + Introduction to Home Care Nursing

Nurses considering transition to home care face the challenges inherent in providing care to patients in a home setting and the regulatory and reimbursement systems that become an integral part of providing such nursing services.

Charter Oak State College's Web-based *Introduction To Home Care Nursing* program has been developed by the Connecticut League for Nursing in consultation with the Connecticut Association for Home Care. The online program is designed to help Registered Nurses make a seamless transition to this new area of specialty nursing practice.

The course, composed of twelve units, can be completed in as few as six weeks. Participants may, however, take up to twelve months, from the date of registration, to complete the program that provides 45 contact hours of continuing education credit.

The *Home Care Nursing* course, which is offered entirely online, is accessible 24/7 throughout the year. Students can enroll at any time convenient to their personal schedules. A faculty mentor, who is an expert home care nurse, is available to guide students.

**Participants may come from a variety of nursing backgrounds:**

- Newly-graduated Registered Nurses
- Registered Nurses currently employed in a hospital, skilled nursing home or clinic
- Registered Nurses who have not been actively employed for three or more years but have completed Charter Oak's *RN Refresher Course* (Refresher Course details appear earlier in this brochure)

**Course content addresses these subject areas:**

- Evolving home health care environments
- The role of the home care nurse
- Medicare conditions of participation, state licensure regulations, accreditation processes
- Home care payers
- Documentation requirements
- Home visit components
- Plan of care for the home care patient
- Outcomes assessment information sets (OASIS)
- Effective team communication
- Infection control
- Patient/family teaching concepts
- Patient rights, privacy and confidentiality
- Legal and ethical issues in home care

**Home Care Program Cost – \$500.00\***

## + The Home Care Nursing Tutorials

Two online home care tutorials were created by the Connecticut League for Nursing to help home care agencies or individuals focus their training needs on two of the hottest areas that differentiate home care nursing from all other clinical environments – *Clinical Practice Issues and Regulation and Documentation Requirements*.

These tutorials were developed with input from home care agencies to best help new hires and first-year home care nurses learn or reinforce their knowledge and skills in these critical practice areas. Because tutorials will be available to home care agencies for a 12-month period, they can be used to reduce the amount of time clinical staff spends on the orientation process and to reinforce key teaching points.

Participants may register for one or both tutorials at any time during the year. The units within each tutorial can be taken by students in the order that best matches their agency's orientation schedule or best fits their personal schedules. Each tutorial provides 15 hours of continuing education credit.

### Tutorial Content

**Tutorial I – Clinical Practice in the Home Care Environment**

- Unit One – The Evolving Role of the Home Care Nurse
- Unit Two – Components of a Home Visit
- Unit Three – Plan of Care
- Unit Four – Effective Team Communication
- Unit Five – Patient/Family Teaching Concepts

**Tutorial II – Home Care Regulations and Documentation Requirements**

- Unit One – Patients' Rights, Privacy and Confidentiality
- Unit Two – Regulations and Accreditations In Home Care

**Tutorial Cost – \$300.00 each\***

**For Refresher Course start dates and registration information for all programs, contact the Charter Oak Distance Learning Office at 860-832-3837 or 860-832-3812, or e-mail [info@charteroak.edu](mailto:info@charteroak.edu).**

\* Add a one-time \$25 registration fee and the cost of course material.

