

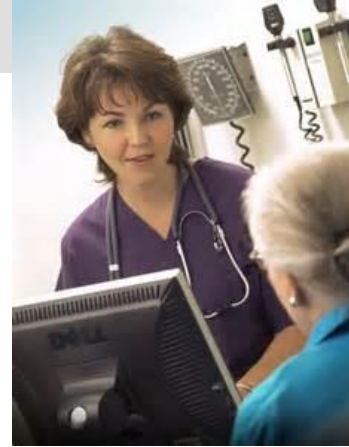
# The Pearls for Medical Surgical Nursing Certification

Contact Hours: 13.5 CE

## Introduction

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**M**edical surgical nursing is the core of nursing care in most health care settings. It is the main focus in both acute and long-term care settings. Becoming certified validates your competency in caring for patients with a wide variety of health care problems. Studies have shown certified nurses improve patient care outcomes through their knowledge and enhanced best practice.



This program will take you through the core knowledge you need to successfully pass the exam and improve the care you give your patients. Professional, legal, and ethical issues will be reviewed along with fundamental skills and advancements in the professional practice of nursing. A comprehensive system-based review of pathophysiology, disorders, clinical manifestations, and pharmacology is included. Systems will include endocrine, pulmonary, cardiovascular, hematological, renal and urological, musculoskeletal, neurological, gastrointestinal, senses and integumentary. In addition, aspects of surgical care and complications will be covered along with disorders affecting male/female patients.

## Objectives

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1. Identify test taking strategies for the medical surgical certification exam and components of the exam.
2. Describe effective communication techniques in working with medical personnel and patients/families.
3. Recognize effective principles of teaching and learning in working with patients/families.
4. Identify professional, legal and ethical issues pertinent to the medical surgical nurse and implications in clinical practice.
5. Review various fundamental skills in the care of medical surgical patients.
6. Discuss important principles and best practices in medication administration and IV therapy.
7. Relate the therapeutic uses, action and side effects for the various drug classifications common to medical surgical patients.
8. Discuss nutritional considerations in the care and management of medical surgical patients.
9. Identify diagnostic tests and lab values used in diagnosing disease pathology.
10. Discuss psychosocial aspects of assessment and various mental health disorders.

11. Correlate cardiopulmonary disorders with pathophysiology and clinical manifestations.
12. Identify various conditions involving the endocrine and reproductive systems.
13. Discuss disorders of the renal and urological system including acid-base and electrolyte imbalances.
14. Discuss pain in medical-surgical patients and various musculoskeletal disorders.
15. Correlate neurological disorders with clinical manifestations and management.
16. Identify various conditions involving the gastrointestinal system.
17. Identify common disorders of the integumentary system and senses.

### ***Recent seminar participants had this to say about “The Pearls for Medical Surgical Nursing Certification”***



*“I took this to pass the certification test but gained even more. The knowledge here will also influence my practice with actual patients when looking at pharmacology, critical thinking, treatments, diagnostics and pathophysiology. It will also help me to review for my NP boards in the future.”*

*“This is one of the best seminars I have ever attended! Great pictures and awesome ‘study book’ for the course and to review in the future. I enjoyed the speaker’s personal stories very much. It brought academics and real life nursing together!”*

*“Amazing speaker! She has a wealth of knowledge and was able to convey so much information in two days. She gave so many helpful ways to remember concepts which will help with the exam and my practice.”*

*“Any one out of school 10 years or more should come to this program. It was a great reinforcement of all body systems, pharmacology and important aspects of patient care. Fast paced but it kept my attention for two full days! I loved it!”*



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