



State of Illinois Trauma Nurse Specialist Program

Co-sponsored by Endeavor Health Northwest Community Hospital and Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
Wednesdays; September 11 to Nov 20, 2024

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Dear TNS class participant,

Welcome! We are delighted that you have enrolled in the Fall 2024 TNS course jointly hosted by NCH and LGH and want to ensure you have all the information needed for a great educational experience. Rovi Origenes and I are excited about the great learning opportunities lined up for you in the upcoming course.

The healthcare landscape is changing rapidly. Consumers expect ever increasing levels of service excellence from their clinicians and the TNS Program meets that challenge by preparing nurses to thrive as competent partners on the trauma team. Successful participants leave the course equipped with a fuller understanding of A & P, pathophysiology and evidence-based care that is immediately applicable to their practice. They gain new insights and confidence that bring added value to their patients and employers.

We have a lot of content to cover in a short amount of time. The course is not easy, but we are here to help each step of the way! Consistent engagement during class coupled with additional study time outside of class to read modules and complete homework questions and take-home quizzes are vitally important. Study time will vary based on your learning needs and keeping up on a weekly basis will be key to your success.

Attachments to open and read BEFORE the first day of class and actions needed now:

Document	Action
#2. General Course Policies	Please read this entire document before the first day of class. We will discuss major elements as part of the course introduction.
Electronic device, internet requirements, and class participation expectations	Included in the course policies. Please review carefully and ensure that you can meet these requirements before class. Zoom contact information is below: Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/99266061793?pwd=V05ha3N3bngzeXlaT0VZU2dtTElpUT09 Meeting ID: 992 6606 1793 Passcode: 598210
#3. Academic calendar	The Academic Calendar provides class dates, times, topics, locations and faculty and may be altered based on need. Class begins on-line and transitions to face to face at NCH on 10-30-24. All changes to the calendar will be communicated via e-mail.
#4. Self-reflection / needs assessment	Complete and return to Connie via email. cmattera@nch.org
#5 Trauma Systems Module	Module outlines will be sent electronically to the email address provided on your TNS application before each class on a weekly basis. Please ensure that you can receive and send e-mails to and from NCH and check your inbox and spam file frequently. Please read the modules BEFORE class to advance your preparation. We encourage you to print copies as they are received so you can take handwritten notes during class as a proven and effective learning strategy.

It is our privilege to serve as your TNS faculty and learning coaches throughout the Program. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns prior to the first day of class. I can most effectively be reached at cmattera@nch.org.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

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