

Adult – Advanced Neurological Assessment

Course Description: This module offers a comprehensive guide to performing neurological assessments in critical-care settings. It covers airway assessment in relation to the patient's level of consciousness, neurological vital signs, normal and abnormal findings, elevated intracranial pressure indicators, and pupil assessment. The module is also a great orientation tool for nurses wishing to pursue careers in critical care or emergency nursing.

Course Objectives:

- Explain the fundamentals of airway assessments, in relation to the patient's level of consciousness
- Explain the methods used to distinguish normal from abnormal findings in advanced neurological assessments
- Describe the key components of endotracheal tube assessments and care
- Differentiate the use of chemical and physical restraints
- Describe the components of neurological vital signs and factors that may affect the assessment findings
- Explain intracranial pressure (ICP) and the signs and symptoms of increased ICP
- Describe AVPU in relation to normal and abnormal responses
- Explain the fundamental components involved in pupil assessments
- Discuss pain assessments and the management of intubated patients