Your competency will be assessed through the simulation assessment in the clinical learning lab for Critical Care Nursing (CEA1). The simulation assessment (CEA1) concludes the lab series and qualifies you for clinical intensive. This course of study may take up to 8 weeks to complete.

**Introduction**

The clinical simulation portion of this course (CEA1) is integrated with the didactic course (CLT1). All learning resources, and the Soomo learning environment for this portion of the course, are also utilized in the CLT1 course of study.

**Outcomes and Evaluation**

There are 6 competencies covered by this course of study; they are listed in the "Competencies for Critical Care Nursing (CEA1)" page.

**Nursing Dispositions Statement**

Please review the Statement of Nursing Dispositions.

You will complete the following assessments as you work through the course of study.

**CEA1 Assessment in the Clinical Learning Lab**

After approximately seven weeks, you will complete the clinical learning lab assessment that takes place in the clinical learning lab. This is an assessment of your ability to respond appropriately to a simulation scenario of a critically ill patient. If you are not successful in this "first attempt" you will participate in a debriefing to identify your challenges to help you prepare for your final attempt (see CLT1 COS for further information). The simulation assessment (first or final attempt) must be passed in order for you to attend clinical intensive (CFA1). Please review the "Course Progression" policy in the Student Handbook for further information.

**Preparing for Success**

The information in this section is provided to help you become ready to complete this course of study. As you proceed, you will need to be organized in your studies in order to gain competency in the indicated areas and prepare yourself to pass the final assessments.

**Your Learning Resources**

The learning resources listed in this section will be required to complete the activities in this course of study. Follow the instructions provided to access these resources as early as possible in order to give yourself time to become familiar with them.

**Automatically Enrolled Learning Resources**

The clinical simulation (CEA1) and the clinical intensive (CFA1) portions of Critical Care Nursing are taken together with and completed in progressive fashion with the didactic assessment (CLT1). You will be automatically enrolled in all of the learning resources for these assessments. They are found within the following Soomo environment.

**Soomo Learning Environment**
The following learning environment will be utilized as the primary learning resource for completion of this course of study:

- **Critical Care Nursing**

For a complete listing of the resources utilized in the Soomo environment, please see the course of study for the didactic assessment (CLT1).

**Additional Preparation**

There are many different learning tools available to you within your course of study in addition to the learning resources already discussed. Take the time to familiarize yourself with them and determine how best to fit them into your learning process.

**Nursing Standards**

You will be able to access Nursing Professional Standards as they apply to your program through the WGU Library. Please access these documents at the following website:

- **Nursing Standards E-Reserves**

**Clinical Learning Lab Preparation**

**Preparing for Clinical Learning Labs**

In the clinical learning labs, you will learn specific nursing skills. You will also learn to apply them in simulated patient care scenarios. Please refer to the CLT1 course of study for further information.

**Attend Clinical Learning Labs**

In the clinical learning labs, you will learn specific nursing skills that you will then apply in simulated patient care scenarios. After approximately five weeks, you will complete the "first attempt" simulation assessment, which takes place in the clinical learning lab. This is an assessment of your ability to respond appropriately in patient care scenarios, and demonstrate clinical skills and your ability to think critically. If you are not successful in this "first attempt" you will participate in a debriefing to identify your challenges to help you prepare for your final attempt (see CLT1 COS for further information). The simulation assessment (first or final attempt) must be passed in order for you to attend clinical intensive (CFA1). Please review the "Course Progression" policy in the Nursing Student Handbook for further information.

**Critical Care Nursing Learning Environment**

All reading activities, discussion questions, quizzes, and learning resources for this course of study are found by accessing the Critical Care Nursing learning environment.

**Competencies covered by this subject**

- **Education of the Critically Ill Patient & Family**
  The graduate integrates principles of patient education in assessing and responding to the learning needs of critically ill patients and their families.

- **Assessment of the Critically Ill Patient**
  The graduate performs both a general and focused physical assessment appropriate to the needs of the critically ill patient.
- Caring for the Physiological Needs of the Critically Ill Patient
The graduate uses cognitive knowledge and clinical reasoning to plan and provide safe, quality, patient-centered care to the critically ill patient.

- Caring for the Psychosocial Needs of the Critically Ill Patient
The graduate provides compassionate, patient-centered care to patients and families to support their psychosocial needs.
- The Critical Care Environment
The graduate collaborates with the critical care interdisciplinary team and communicates in a manner that supports a positive work environment.
- Legal and Ethical Issues in Critical Care
The graduate plans and provides care to critically ill patients and their families incorporating knowledge of legal standards and ethical principles.

**Learning Environment**
The material for this course of study is housed in a separate learning environment. In this learning resource, you will be able to

- complete the activities and reading assignments to prepare for the assessment for this course;
- answer the quizzes to gauge your learning; and
- communicate with your mentor and other students as you study.

Once you have completed the material within the learning environment, you should return to this course of study for the information for your exam.

**Learning Materials**

Access the learning environment for this course at the link below and complete the readings, activities, and quizzes for the following section:

**Launch Course**

**Final Steps**

Congratulations on completing the activities in this course of study! This section will guide you through the assessment process.

**Assessment Information**
The activities in this course of study have prepared you to complete the CEA1 clinical simulation. If you have not already completed the assessment, you will do so now.

**Clinical Skills Learning Lab Assessment**

You will complete the following clinical simulation assessment:

- CEA1

For details on this assessment, please see the learning environment for this course of study.