

Purpose:

To set the levels of compliance and appropriate percentages for nursing education at accredited trauma centers in accordance with Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation (PTSF) Standards of Accreditation.

Procedure:

1. Trauma Nurse Course - 100% of the registered nurses employed greater than one year on any unit caring for the trauma patient.
2. ACLS/PALS - 100% of the registered nurses employed on the unit greater than two years in the Burn Unit, Emergency Department (ED), Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), and Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU).
3. Advanced Certification - 50% of the registered nurses employed in the applicable units greater than 3 years.
4. Continuing Education - 100% of the registered nurses employed greater than one year on any unit caring for the trauma patient.
5. "Years of Service" are calculated as of the date of an institution's consultative/site review, when PTSF staff review nursing educational standards.
6. Institutions will receive citations in the Accreditation report for any of the following:
 - Less than 100% for Trauma Nurse Course.
 - Less than 100% for ACLS/PALS.
 - Less than 50% for CEN/CCRN/CNRN.
 - Less than 90%* for Continuing Education.

*If an institution is between 90% and 100% for Continuing Education, that institution's report will acknowledge the efforts put forth to reach that level; however, the report will inform the institution that 100% is the appropriate level to continue efforts to reach and maintain 100% compliance.

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