

# First in the province to be delivering ENPC

Employee Development recently completed the delivery of a 12-week ICU/ER training program made up of participants from both Western Memorial Regional Hospital and Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital. As part of that program, we delivered a two-day Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course (ENPC) course. This is the first time ENPC has been offered here in Western Health. In fact, we are the only region in this province currently delivering ENPC.

ENPC is a training program offered nationally through NENA to improve skills and clinical competency required

to care for the pediatric population, from the neonate to the adolescent. ENPC is based on a systematic model, including pediatric growth and development, and anatomical and physiological characteristics that help you identify appropriate interventions for the ill and injured child. ENPC helps you answer the question, “Are you ready to care for children in your emergency or pediatric ward?”


ENPC meets 12 of the 13 clinical and professional competencies, as specified in the Joint Policy Statement—Guideline for Care of Children in the Emergency Department (American Academy

of Pediatrics, Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine, American College of Emergency Physicians, Pediatric Committee, Emergency Nurses Association Pediatric Committee, 2009). This includes triage, illness and injury, pain, airway, vascular access, monitoring, resuscitation, trauma, burn and mass casualty care, medication safety, and family-centred care. ENPC utilizes evidence-based information for nurses providing pediatric care.

Certification is good for four years upon successful completion of the program.

The instructors for this course included Debbie Cotton and Carrie Bent, both of whom had to be brought in from Nova Scotia in order to deliver this program, and myself, Maureen Doody.

Three of the nurses in attendance went on to complete the ENPC instructor course, providing us with our own pool of ENPC instructors for future courses. They were Rory Tatchell, Steve Connolly and Penny Janes.

We look forward to continuing to provide the nurses of Western Health with the opportunity to receive certification in ENPC. 

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## ATTENTION CTAS INSTRUCTORS: CAEP is on the move!

Effective January 1, 2014, CAEP's address will be: 180 Elgin Street, Suite 808, Ottawa, ON K2P 2K3 (send CTAS course funds here).

Telephone, fax and email addresses will remain the same. For individual contact information, please visit [caep.ca](http://caep.ca).

As always, your questions/concerns about CTAS are welcomed at [admin@caep.ca](mailto:admin@caep.ca) or [ctas@nena.ca](mailto:ctas@nena.ca).

### Reference

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