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## INFORMATION RELEASE

# Canada's National Emergency Nurses Association (NENA) Developing Standardized Emergency Nursing Course Based on Core Competencies

Vancouver, BC – October 02, 2015 – The National Emergency Nurses Association (NENA) is pleased to announce that it is co-leading a project to develop a standardized emergency nursing course, to be delivered to nurses throughout Canada in both English and French and based on the NENA Core Competency document.

For many years, the Emergency Nurses of Canada have been requesting a Canadian-developed course to cover the core concepts of being an emergency nurse. They have requested that this program be based on Canadian emergency nursing standards, be delivered in both official languages, and subscribe to modern learning techniques that focus on the adult learner.

NENA has engaged a team of experienced emergency nurses from across Canada who are currently developing course content that will be a balance of online and attended classroom content.

The classroom content will be structured in small group scenario format to focus on both the practical and critical thinking components of emergency nursing practice. In addition to the theoretical content, there will be certain practical skills reviewed that are specific to an emergency nurse's expected practice.

The course is being designed to benefit both new and experienced practitioners and is expected to be two days in length with an amount of online preparation beforehand. The distribution format will be similar to many other standardized courses—this being individual nurses, facilities or private teaching organizations able to become instructors/course coordinators and distribute the course in a way that meets the needs of their communities. It is anticipated that the course will be attended by Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and other non-physician health care providers in the emergency department.

Ongoing support of the program and revisions to the course will be supported through the collection of a fee for every student who participates. It is the intention of the design and sustainment teams that the program be kept current with evolving research and practice changes to allow repeat students to further their learning when they re-attend upon expiry.

Interested nurses and organizations who wish to receive further information as it is released should register their information at <http://eepurl.com/bz-kiL>, by visiting one of the websites above, or by scanning the QR Code Here. The program has an anticipated release date of Spring 2016.

This project is a joint project between the National Emergency Nurses Association of Canada and prn Education—A part of Pacific Rim Nursing Consultants Inc.