New Core Curriculum for Ambulatory Care Nursing Guides Nurses’ Practice, Inspires Better Care

PITMAN, NJ – Continuing a steady march toward nursing innovation and quality patient care, the American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN) has just released a new edition of its foundational text, the Core Curriculum for Ambulatory Care Nursing.

In its fourth iteration, the book spans the specialty, from the booming areas of telehealth and care coordination to the massive changes in the health care system itself. It also explores how ambulatory care nurses are increasingly called upon to lead health care teams, research, and education, and provide quality patient care as it continues to shift to outpatient settings.

According to the book’s editors, Candia Baker Laughlin, MS, RN-BC, and Stephanie Witwer, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, the Core Curriculum builds on the knowledge ambulatory care nursing experts have amassed from research, evidence, and practice and applies it to daily roles in today’s health care system.

“New evidence and innovations have driven advancements in technology, disease management and prevention, and care delivery” Laughlin said. And, according to Witwer, "The Core is an excellent resource for staff development and continuing education and serves as a springboard for leaders and clinicians to prepare for the ambulatory care nursing practice of the future.”

The textbook is designed for experienced nurses or those new to the specialty, as well as RNs preparing for ambulatory care nursing certification. The Core Curriculum also inspires nurses to practice at the fullest extent of their license, nurture other nurses, and engage in lifelong learning.

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Content Overview

The Core Curriculum for Ambulatory Care Nursing contains 20 chapters as well as an in-depth glossary and index. New and expanded areas include effective communication, nurse-sensitive indicators (NSIs), and Care Coordination and Transition Management (CCTM). Additionally, emerging clinical issues are addressed, such as pain management, dementia, opioid overdose, and vaccine-preventable infectious diseases.

More than 30 Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) contact hours are available and are free to AAACN members. The Core Curriculum can be purchased for $119 (regular price) or $89 (AAACN member price) on the AAACN website by clicking here.
Ambulatory care nurses practice in a wide variety of outpatient settings, from the community to physician group practices, procedure units, and telehealth call centers. Their roles include nurse administrators and managers, staff nurses, care coordinators, educators, consultants, nurse practitioners and researchers. Ambulatory care nurses are highly trained and are respected as leaders and innovators in the health care industry. Ambulatory settings employ over 25% of the RNs in the U.S., according to a 2010 report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Complete information about AAACN and its initiatives can be viewed at aaacn.org.

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