

Why choose TCHP?

TCHP offers clinically skill-focused education that is simply not available elsewhere in the community. If you are considering purchasing online education, please consider that:

- *The TCHP core critical care curriculum is significantly more comprehensive than any online education program.*
- *Instructor led classes provide an opportunity for students to ask questions, discuss content, apply concepts to case examples, and receive feedback from the instructor.*
- *Hospitals using online critical care education programming often need to supplement the program with several additional classroom instruction days, resulting in additional cost. Additionally, instructor time is spent troubleshooting computer issues, rather than providing face to face education or mentoring in the clinical setting. This time is seldom included in the costs for administering online programming. (Source: Graham, P. (2006). Critical care education: Experience with a community-based consortium approach. Critical Care Nursing Quarterly, 29(3): 207-217).*

TCHP Education Consortium

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Providing education for today's health care professionals

The Benefits of Consortium Membership



**Collaborating to
provide excellent and
cost-effective educa-
tion to health care
professionals in a
variety of settings.**

Why Consortium membership?



Consortium membership offers you a way to:

- Provide a cost-effective means to support employee education and skill development including ECG interpretation and CCRN/PCCN exam review courses.
- Provide a 24/7 online presence to help employees get the resources they need.
- Share the experts provided by member organizations as program faculty.
- Provide education that allows students the opportunity to clarify content and get questions answered.
- Provide your employees high quality, ANCC-approved instructor-led programs and home studies.

TCHP Education Consortium Overview

Mission: Our mission is to provide educational programs that are congruent with the philosophy, objectives, patient population, and educational needs of the health care professionals from our member hospitals, as well as participants from a wide variety of health care areas.

History: TCHP has been providing education to consortium members since 1980.

TCHP Programs

TCHP offers 33 unique instructor-led programs. We provide education for healthcare professionals in the following areas:

- ECG Rhythm Interpretation
- Critical Care Nursing
- General Interest (i.e. Pain Management in the 21st Century, Palliative Care, Advances in Diabetes Management)
- Role Development (i.e. Precepting with Confidence and Competence, Entry into the Charge Nurse Role)

Preparing nurses to care for critically ill patients is one of our primary purposes. For example, ECG Rhythm Interpretation is offered at least monthly, allowing for flexibility in staff education.

In addition to instructor-led programs, TCHP also offers 39 self-study programs that are available on the TCHP website 24/7.

ANCC Provider of Continuing Education: The Twin Cities Health Professionals Education Consortium is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Wisconsin Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Completion of continuing education is required in Minnesota for most health care professionals including nursing.

Levels of Membership

TCHP offers several levels of membership to allow a wide variety of organizations to take advantage of what TCHP has to offer at reduced prices:

FULL Consortium Membership: This level of membership is offered to larger organizations (i.e., 250+ bed facilities). There is a fee and in-kind support of faculty and classroom space required. This level of membership gains you a seat on the Staff Development steering committee; unlimited, free programs and home studies; as well as guaranteed spots in every program. Many of the programs will come directly to your organization as you are providing classroom space.

Organizational Associate Membership: This level of membership is offered to smaller organizations (less than 250 beds) who want to offer the benefits of consortium membership to their employees at a bargain price. No in-kind support of programming is required.

Silver Membership: \$4,950 annually. Employees will be able to access home studies and the Peri-anesthesia Nursing Care Guide. Instructor-led programs will be discounted by 50% (annual limit of 300 home study post-tests and 50 total people at the discounted rate). There is an option to schedule one program-to-go at your organization annually at a deeply discounted price.

Gold Membership: \$9,950 annually. Employees will be able to access home studies and the Peri-anesthesia Nursing Care Guide. Instructor-led programs will be discounted by 50% (annual limit of 600 home study post-tests and 100 total people at the discounted rate). One seat in each program will be guaranteed for your organization—an important consideration when you have a specific timeline for educating your employees. There is an option to schedule up to 2 programs-to-go at your organization as part of your membership.