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CERTIFIED NURSING LEADER IN PATIENT SAFETY AND ERROR PREVENTION™

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Patient safety is among healthcare's most complex challenges. **Studies reveal that globally, unsafe care causes more deaths than HIV, malaria, and tuberculosis combined.** Regulatory scrutiny from bodies such as the Joint Commission International is intensifying, with **non-compliance leading to costly litigation, reputational damage, and patient harm.** For nursing leaders, mastering compliance and safety systems is vital to driving zero harm and protecting organizational integrity.

This certified program is designed to provide healthcare professionals with comprehensive knowledge and advanced skills to lead patient safety and error prevention initiatives. Throughout the program, you will explore a wide spectrum of essential domains, including **medication safety, clinical risk management, human factors engineering, and error reporting frameworks.** You will gain both theoretical insights and practical tools to identify **systemic vulnerabilities, implement effective safety protocols, and foster a culture of accountability** and continuous improvement across diverse healthcare settings.

The curriculum also delves into specialized strategies such as **root cause analysis, designing safer systems of care, and integrating evidence-based interventions to reduce medical errors.** You will strengthen your ability to evaluate **patient safety incidents critically, apply global best practices, and lead multidisciplinary teams** in implementing meaningful improvements.

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Ethical considerations, transparent communication, and building resilient safety cultures are also emphasized, ensuring that you emerge not only as a technical expert but also as a transformational leader in patient safety.

By the end of the program, you will be equipped with advanced competencies to **anticipate risks, prevent errors, and champion patient safety** across your organization. You will emerge with the confidence to design proactive safety strategies, engage stakeholders at all levels, and influence organizational policies that prioritize patient well-being.

Upon completing the program and passing the Chartered exam, you will attain the **Certified Nursing Leader in Patient Safety and Error Prevention (CNPS™)** designation. This credential will validate your ability to lead error-prevention strategies, enhance quality care, and build safer healthcare environments.

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KEY SKILLS YOU WILL GAIN

From This Program



**PATIENT SAFETY FRAMEWORKS
MEDICAL ERROR CLASSIFICATION
JOINT COMMISSION INTERNATIONAL SAFETY
STANDARDS**

**ERROR DISCLOSURE PROTOCOLS
THEORIES OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN ERROR
ANALYSIS
HUMAN FACTORS ANALYSIS**

**COMMUNICATION IN ERROR PREVENTION
SYSTEM-BASED APPROACHES TO SAFETY
CULTURE OF SAFETY DEVELOPMENT
PERSON VS. SYSTEMS APPROACH IN ERROR
RESPONSE**

**SPEAKING-UP AND ADVOCACY STRATEGIES
DECISION MATRIX FOR ERROR CLARIFICATION
APPARENT CAUSE ANALYSIS (ACA)
COMMON CAUSE ANALYSIS (CCA)
ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS (RCA) PROCESS STEPS**

**RCA TOOL UTILIZATION AND ACTION PLANNING
HUMAN PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT
STRATEGIES**

YOUR FACULTY DIRECTOR



Dr. Mary E. Geary PhD, RN

Award-Winning Nursing Leader Driving Patient Safety Excellence Worldwide

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Geary is a distinguished expert in nursing and healthcare quality, currently serving as an Empaneled Consultant for Quality Improvement at Vmarsh Healthcare. With extensive experience spanning bedside practice to executive leadership, she has held diverse roles including **nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, infection control specialist, patient safety officer, clinical assistant professor, and senior quality leader across leading health systems**. A dedicated educator and mentor, she has taught quality management principles, guided improvement initiatives for nursing and medical students, and **earned two Sigma Theta Tau awards for Excellence in Nursing Mentorship and Excellence in Nursing Research**.

Renowned internationally, Dr. Geary has delivered **lectures and training on patient safety and quality management at prestigious institutions such as the European Academy of Nursing Science in Dublin and Hamad Medical Center in Doha**, and has **facilitated programs across Cairo, Belgium, Portugal, India, Saudi Arabia, Israel, China, Vietnam, Italy, Argentina, and Costa Rica**. Her expertise encompasses patient safety culture, healthcare quality management, infection control, accreditation compliance, data analysis, and project facilitation—advancing impactful improvements and fostering healthcare excellence worldwide.

OUR PARTICIPANTS

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PROGRAM AGENDA



MODULE 1 - PATIENT SAFETY ORIGINS

- Introduction to 'Patient Safety Origin'
- Lesson 1 - Healthcare Patient Safety Evolution
- Lesson 2 - Early Patient Safety Research
- Lesson 3 - Patient Safety Influencers

MODULE 2 - MEDICAL ERROR DEFINITIONS

- Introduction to 'Medical Error Definitions'
- Lesson 1 - Near Misses
- Lesson 2 - Joint Commission International Patient Safety Goals (IPSG)
- Lesson 3 - Disclosure of Medical Errors

MODULE 3 - THEORIES OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR

- Introduction to 'Theories of Human Behavior'
- Lesson 1 - William James
- Lesson 2 - Jens Rasmussen
- Lesson 3 - James Reason

MODULE 4 - CONTRIBUTING CAUSES OF MEDICAL ERROR

- Introduction to 'Contributing Causes of Medical Error'
- Lesson 1 - Human Factors

- Lesson 2 - Communication and Teamwork
- Lesson 3 - Equipment, Environment, and Policies/Procedures

MODULE 5 - RESPONSE TO MEDICAL ERRORS

- Introduction to 'Response to Medical Errors'
- Lesson 1 - Organization Culture of Safety
- Lesson 2 - Person Approach or Systems Approach
- Lesson 3 - Response to Errors
- Lesson 4 - Decision Matrix for Classifying Types of Errors

MODULE 6 - TYPES OF PATIENT SAFETY ANALYSIS

- Introduction to 'Types of Patient Safety Analysis'
- Lesson 1 - Apparent Cause Analysis and Common Cause Analysis
- Lesson 2 - Intense Analysis
- Lesson 3 - Root Cause

MODULE 7 - ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

- Introduction to 'Root Cause Analysis'
- Lesson 1 - RCA Process Steps
- Lesson 2 - Review of an RCA Tool
- Lesson 3 - RCA Action Plans

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MODULE 8 - MEDICAL ERROR PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- Introduction to 'Medical Error Prevention Strategies'
- Lesson 1 - Human Factors Performance Strategies
- Lesson 2 - Joint Commission Patient Safety Goals
- Lesson 3 - Failure Effects Mode Analysis

MODULE 9 - QUALITY PATIENT SAFETY

- Introduction to 'Quality Patient Safety'
- Lesson 1 - Quality Patient Safety Programs
- Lesson 2 - Quality Patient Safety Data
- Lesson 3 - Quality Patient Safety Committee

MODULE 10 - CREATING A CULTURE OF SAFETY

- Introduction to 'Creating a Culture of Safety'
- Lesson 1 - Organization Culture of Safety
- Lesson 2 - Leadership and Culture of Safety
- Lesson 3 - Staff Engagement in Patient Safety Programs

EXAMINATION

YOUR CHARTER DESIGNATION



Chartered Institute of Professional Certifications' programs are unique as they provide you with professional charter designations and marks that can be used across your lifetime once you have completed our programs.

Upon completion of the program and successfully passing the Chartered exam, you will be awarded the prestigious **Certified Nursing Leader in Patient Safety and Error Prevention (CNPS™)** designation, which can be showcased in your resume, CV, and other professional credentials. Developed by the esteemed **Chartered Institute of Professional Certifications**, a leading authority in professional certifications, this industry-recognized, trademarked charter validates your expertise in patient safety leadership, medical error prevention, and healthcare quality improvement. It highlights your proficiency in applying safety frameworks, conducting error analysis, implementing prevention strategies, and fostering a culture of safety, establishing you as a trusted leader capable of driving compliance, mitigating risks, and advancing quality care within complex healthcare environments.

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