

## Emergency Nurses Association

### Designations

#### General descriptions for documenting content to award designations:

- Documentation must be sufficiently descriptive to convey the requested designation.
- Multiple designations can be contained within one session.
- Designations are voluntary and sessions are **NOT** required to have a designation. However, for the purpose of board certifications, many emergency nurses are required to have documented continuing education in one of the defined designated areas.
- Sessions without a designation will contain contact hours.

#### Designation Definitions

**Clinical:** Clinical designation refers to the implementation of nursing care within an established emergency care setting where the point of care is the patient.

**Pediatric:** Pediatric designation refers to the care of children from birth to age 18 years within an established emergency setting.

**Trauma:** Trauma designation refers to the care of patients who have sustained serious, critical and/or life threatening injuries. Trauma content must reflect that the point of care is the patient regardless of the setting.

#### Pharmacology:

##### The following content must be met for pharmacology designation

- Overview of the disease or disease process for which medication therapy is required (*context for appropriate medication therapy*)
- Scientific rationale or evidence-base of the use of medication therapy for a disease or disease process
- All content related to prescribing / recommending safe and appropriate use of medication therapy, including cost-effectiveness
- All content related to the safe administration of medication therapy, including but not limited to dosage, route, frequency, delivery devices, administration devices and similar
- All content related to monitoring of medication therapy
- All content related to possible side effects and/or adverse effects of medication therapy
- All content related to special consideration relation to medication therapy
- All content related to adjunct therapy that may be used in conjunction with medication therapy