

Trauma Nursing Advanced Course FAQ

What is TNAC?

TNAC (Trauma Nursing Advanced Course) is an advanced trauma education program designed for experienced nurses with a background in trauma care. It provides in-depth knowledge of complex trauma care through a blended learning approach, including self-paced online modules, live classroom sessions, and hands-on simulation.

Who should take TNAC?

TNAC is ideal for emergency, trauma, and critical care nurses already experienced in trauma care and who are seeking advanced knowledge in trauma management.

What do I receive upon completing TNAC?

Participants who successfully complete TNAC earn **25 contact hours** and a **4-year verification**, demonstrating expertise in advanced trauma care.

What are the prerequisites for TNAC?

Participants must have a current TNCC (Trauma Nursing Core Course) 8th or 9th Edition verification before enrolling in TNAC.

What topics does TNAC cover?

TNAC covers a wide range of advanced trauma topics, including:

- Critical thinking & clinical decision-making
- Physiologic response to trauma and shock
- Massive transfusion and hemodynamic management
- Neurological trauma
- Pain assessment and management
- Advanced airway and ventilatory concepts
- Obstetrical, pediatric, and burn trauma
- Advanced assessments and interventions for complex trauma cases

How is TNAC structured?

TNAC is a blended course with three main components:

- **Block 1 & Block 2:** Self-paced online modules followed by the corresponding classroom session.
- **Simulation Day:** Full-day, in-person hands-on teaching and testing experience, incorporating case-based scenarios with complex comorbidities.
- **Assessment Exam:** Online test to validate knowledge and skills.

How long does the course take to complete?

TNAC follows a 3-4 week learning flow, with online modules, live (in-person or virtual) classroom sessions, and a final in-person simulation experience.

Is TNAC suitable for nurses outside of the emergency department?

Yes, while TNAC is designed for emergency and trauma nurses, it is also beneficial for critical care nurses, transport nurses, and those in trauma centers who have a background in trauma care and manage complex trauma patients.

How does TNAC compare to other trauma courses?

TNAC provides a higher-level, interactive learning experience focused on critical thinking, advanced trauma interventions, and real-world application.

How can a person register to attend a TNAC provider course?

If you are an individual interested in attending a TNAC provider course, [click here](#) to complete the TNAC interest form. ENA will provide updates as courses continue to be added.

How can a person become a TNAC instructor?

ENA is conducting TNAC instructor courses on a limited basis following already scheduled TNAC provider courses. We are developing a process to expand the availability of instructor courses as TNAC is disseminated throughout the United States. Potential TNAC instructors must already be a current TNCC 9th edition instructor and have successfully completed the TNAC provider course. If you are an individual interested in becoming a TNAC instructor, [click here](#) to complete the TNAC interest form. ENA will provide updates as instructor courses are to be added.

Can my hospital or organization host a TNAC course?

Yes, institutions can partner with ENA to offer TNAC to their staff by [clicking here](#) to complete the TNAC interest form.