

Clinical Excellence



PHSA 10006

Neonatal Resuscitation Program

The Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP), cosponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Heart Association (AHA), has been designed to teach an evidence-based approach to resuscitation of the newborn. The causes, prevention, and management of mild to severe neonatal asphyxia are carefully explained so that healthcare professionals may develop optimal knowledge and skill in resuscitation.

NRP is a program that introduces the concepts and basic skills of neonatal resuscitation. Completion of the program does not imply that an individual has the competence to perform neonatal resuscitation.

Components of the Program: Overview & principles of resuscitation; initial steps of resuscitation; use of resuscitation devices for positive-pressure ventilation; chest compressions; endotracheal intubation & laryngeal mask airway insertion; medications; special consideration; resuscitation of babies born preterm and ethics/care at end of life.

The NRP card is valid for two years (there is no grace period).

Program Changes There is no more renewal course; everyone takes a Provider course tailored to learner's needs. The course include little or no lecture, uses course time for hands-on learning, immersive simulation, and constructive debriefings. The NRP online examination and Integrated Skills Station (similar to Megacode) are required and used for evaluation.

NRP Online Examination, 6th Edition is made up of nine lessons. Lesson 1 through 4 and lesson 9 are required and must be passed in order to complete the exam. Your facility/employer may require you to pass all nine lessons. Each lesson must be passed with a score of 80% or greater. Once you begin the exam for the first time it must be completed within 14 days, and you have 30 days to take the NRP instructor-led live course.

You must print out and bring the Completion Certificate with you to class. If you cannot produce the Completion Certificate at the course, or you bring an expired certificate to the course or your NRP card has expired before the course, you will not be able to obtain your provider status on that day.

Who May Attend?

Nurses, Physicians, Respiratory Therapists, and Midwives whose job responsibilities may require them to assist in resuscitation of newborns within the hospital setting and who have training and experience in the hospital care of newborns in a delivery room, newborn or critical care nursery setting.

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Instructor: NRP Affiliate Faculty

Credit: At this time the online examination is the only component that NRP grants continuing education. The live course itself does not grant continuing education credit; but this is being evaluated.

Registration: There is no registration fee for PH&SA employees or Travelers from departments where NRP is mandatory. Please call and ask for the registration fees.