

In a survey of triage program learners, 100% of respondents said they have been able to employ the techniques they learned in ENA's Triage Curriculum™ into their practice.\*

This course taught me to recognize the importance of cultural awareness when caring for patients to ensure that I am recognizing not only their physical needs but their cultural needs as well.

**ENA Triage Curriculum**Participant

aware of not to minimize patient symptoms but scoring them more accurately as they are stating their symptoms at triage.

Melissa Class, ENA Triage Curriculum Participant I feel I am more mindful of the questions to ask when triaging the geriatric population!

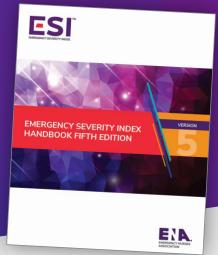
Doris Baker, ENA Triage Curriculum Participant



## Triage education provides value to the emergency nurse, the emergency department and, of course, the patients.

There are 8 courses that are suitable for all experience levels. Earn 11.25 contact hours. Triage education also includes the Emergency Severity Index Course Handbook – updated in 2023.

- Introduction to Triage
- Healthcare Law in Triage
- Communication and Patient Experience
- The Emergency Severity Index® (ESI®)
- Symptom Presentations and Triage Assessment
- Special Population Considerations
- Prioritizing Triage in Disaster
- Mass Casualty Situations



## Over 130 million ED visits in the U.S. annually<sup>3</sup>

With the staffing challenges faced over the last few years, triage education is crucial. Triage education improves the ED nurse's knowledge, practice and performance.<sup>1</sup>

Evaluating and providing education regularly to nurses improved patient care based on their acuity.<sup>2</sup>

Triage is necessary for every patient who presents to the emergency department. However, the percentage of accurate triage (56-82%) is varied and unpredictable.<sup>4</sup>

Over-triage places strain on the department and resources, while under-triage is associated with increased hospital admission rates and greater likelihood for critical clinical outcomes.<sup>5</sup>

**Continuing Education Contact Hours** Earn up to 11.25 contact hours.

Learn more at ena.org/triage



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