



## DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ADVANCED TRAUMA CARE FOR NURSES (ATCN)

Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN) is an advanced course designed for the registered nurse interested in increasing his/her knowledge in management of the multiple trauma patient.

The ATCN course is taught concurrently with ATLS. The ATCN program has been operational for over 15 years and has an excellent record of offering a superb trauma educational program, and maintaining a positive collaboration with the ACS Committee on Trauma State Chapters. The ATCN program is currently being offered in numerous states as well as internationally. The ATCN Committee is continually responding to requests from other regions, states, and countries to start this program in their areas. There is a 6-month planning process for all inaugural courses. ATCN nurse participants audit the ATLS lectures. During the ATLS skill and testing stations, the nurses are separated from the physician group and directed through ATCN skill stations. ATCN Skill stations include:

- Initial Assessment and Management
- Airway and Ventilatory Management
- Pediatric Trauma
- Hemorrhagic Shock
- Musculoskeletal & Spinal Trauma
- Head Trauma

The Skill Stations are based on an interactive "hands-on: scenario-based approach" to adult education. The practical testing stations allow the ATCN students to demonstrate the application of ATLS and ATCN information on a moulaged patient. Participants receive both a ATCN manual and an ATLS manual.

## 2 DAY PROGRAM - OFFERED SIX TIMES A YEAR - RUN IN UNISON WITH OUR ATLS COURSE

