The Connecticut Community College Nursing Program (CT-CCNP) is taking steps to prepare our students and faculty to address concerns regarding the current Ebola crisis.

Each of the six CT-CCNP colleges has incorporated updated information and guidelines from national organizations, including the Center for Disease Control (CDC), American Nurses Association (ANA), Connecticut League for Nursing (CLN), the Connecticut Department of Public Health (CT DPH) and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) into their courses to educate nursing students and faculty about the Ebola public health emergency. The goal of this education is to provide the necessary knowledge, up to date information and processes for healthcare providers to effectively and safely respond to the Ebola crisis.

Furthermore the CT-CCNP colleges are collaborating with practice partners to share updated policies and procedures at each of the clinical sites as they become available. The goal for all faculty and students is to be prepared, stay informed with up to date information and protect the safety of their patients, families, peers and themselves.

**Resources**

- [CDC Information for Healthcare Workers](#)
- [American Nurses Association Ebola Information](#)
- [Department of Health & Human Services](#)
- [CT Department of Public Health](#)
- [CT Hospital Association Ebola Message](#)
- [CT Hospital Association Press Ebola Press Release](#)
- [Sequence for Putting On and Removing PPE](#)
- [Tools for Protecting Healthcare Personnel](#)
- [American Association of Critical Care Nurses Ebola Resources](#)
- [American Association of Colleges of Nursing Ebola Resources](#)
With recent and unfolding developments related to the care of patients with Ebola and the safety of healthcare professionals, we have established this area of the AACN website as a central location where you can find relevant information and resources as they become available.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has called for every hospital to think about Ebola preparedness. As a nurse working in acute and critical care, you have no doubt been affected by reports of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) cases in the U.S., and may be thinking of possible implications for you and your practice.

As you know, a nurse at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas who tested positive for EVD (despite wearing full protective gear while caring for the patient) is part of our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with her for a full recovery. We also send supportive thoughts to her family, friends and colleagues, as the CDC works with healthcare providers to understand any further precautions that may be needed to prevent transmission of Ebola.

As a galvanized community of exceptional nurses, you play a vital role in:

- Being prepared
- Staying informed with accurate information
- Educating others
- Protecting the safety of your patients, their families, your co-workers and yourself

It is possible that future patients with EVD will require care in acute and critical care units, and this prediction warrants an urgent reminder of well-established protocols for infectious disease control. The authority for these protocols is the CDC, and we strongly encourage you to review the important information and resources available through the following links:

**Resources and References** updated 10/16/2014

- CDC Information for Healthcare Providers
- CDC Emergency Response Facebook Page
- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services call on Preparing America’s Nurses to Safely Care for a Patient with Ebola is now available. Please call 1-800-810-4695 to listen to the recording.
- Clinician Information for Ebola in U.S. Health Care Settings
- Questions and Answers on Ebola
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services — Health Resources and Services Administration
- Preparing for Ebola: What U.S. Hospitals Can Learn From Emory Healthcare and Nebraska Medical Center
- Facts about Ebola
- Sequence for Putting On and Removing PPE
- Tools for Protecting Health Care Personnel
Checklist for Patients Being Evaluated for Ebola
Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter, where we will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

We are grateful for your knowledge, expertise and commitment to providing excellent care to acutely and critically ill patients. We know our community will show its strength once again in the care of the most vulnerable patients and their families.

This is a time for us, as members of the AACN community, to be leaders and a steady rudder as we navigate this storm.