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## Information Release

### Canada's National Emergency Nurses Association (NENA) Continuing Development on New EPICC Educational Program

Vancouver, BC – January 18, 2017 – An EPICC success...and wait...there's more!

The National Emergency Nurses Association (NENA) is very excited to share with its members some exciting news about the success of the new 'Emergency Practice, Interventions and Care – Canada' course and some information on its expansion and future.

Since the official launch of EPICC at the 2016 National Conference in Montreal, QC (in both English and French), the EPICC program has 350 students registered in the online learning system and has seen 21 courses delivered. The courses have been based in Quebec, British Columbia and Alberta.

The course evaluations have been outstanding with most activities receiving 5/5 on their evaluation forms over 90% of the time. Interestingly, despite it being a "Foundations" program, the average years of ED Nursing of the students is quite high at 9.1 years with a range from one week of ED nursing to 37 years!

There's something for everyone in EPICC and all learners get what they need out of the program because of the way it is structured. For those not familiar with EPICC, it is a simulation and small group-based education program developed by Canadian Nurses and NENA – there's no Powerpoint, no written exam and students leave with learning goals customized for their future development.

So... what is the most common feedback we hear for EPICC? "What's the next EPICC you are going to create?" Well here is the answer... bring on EPICC-Trauma! Overwhelmingly our students and education partners want a trauma-focused simulation course developed with the same principles as EPICC-Foundations. In response to this, NENA is going to deliver. Working with prn Education (our previous partner for EPICC-Foundations), EPICC-Trauma development is well underway. We have a tentative launch date of late Spring 2017 and will be doing some test courses before then in various places to make sure everything is ready to go.

Your National Emergency Nurses Association Board of Directors is pleased to let you know that the project management team delivered EPICC-Foundations early and under budget. We are excited about EPICC-Trauma and don't see us stopping there. Many nurses have shared ideas for other 'EPICCs' and we are looking at them for potential future courses after EPICC-Trauma.

You can keep up to date with EPICC-Trauma and all future EPICC developments by reading the EPICC blog and joining the EPICC mailing list at: <http://prneducation.ca/pages/epicc>

If you are interested in getting an EPICC group up and running in your community, please contact us through the website above.

