

Asthma Study Partners

Pursuing National Certification



NRTC Asthma Course graduates are trained to deliver expert asthma care. National certification recognizes your hard work and dedication as an asthma educator and lends credibility within your profession. Currently, there is a movement across the country to obtain reimbursement for asthma education, which would be tied to national certification.

Asthma Study Partners builds on the foundation already established by the Asthma Course, helping students review key information in epidemiology, pathophysiology, diagnostic criteria, pharmacology, and management plans. Utilizing the 2005 Asthma Course workbook for a self-study review of assessment and management, this course will provide an in-depth focus on patient education and spirometry in 2 interactive, small-group teleconferences. Information about the national exam including structure, test-taking strategies, and practice questions will also be discussed.

To make teleconferences as personal and interactive as possible, study groups will be limited to 10 participants, providing the opportunity to study and network with NRTC graduates across the country.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the completion of the Asthma Study Partners Course, participants will be able to:

- Describe key populations at risk for asthma.
- Explain the basic pathophysiology of asthma.
- Classify asthma severity using national guidelines.
- Recognize correct care and use of all asthma medication devices.
- Select appropriate management interventions for various case study patients.
- Recognize and explain the significance of basic spirometry tests in asthma patients.
- Apply effective patient education approaches in various case study patients.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The Asthma Study Partners Course is designed for allied health professionals who are pursuing National Asthma Educators Certification, including nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, pharmacists, case managers, physicians, and other health professionals actively involved in the care of patients with asthma.

COURSE FORMAT

Asthma Study Partners is a 6-week program including 2 teleconferences and self study.

Self study

Course materials consist of the Study Guide, the 2005 Asthma Course workbook, *Simply Asthma* pocket guide, NAECB Candidate Handbook, and other supporting materials. Students will receive their materials by mail at the beginning of the study period. Students will follow the Study Guide to prepare for each teleconference.

Interactive teleconferences

Two 90-minute interactive teleconferences will be scheduled during the 3rd and 5th weeks of the course to discuss spirometry and patient education. To make teleconferences as personal and interactive as possible, participant information will be exchanged in advance of the course.

ACCREDITATION

AANP: This program has been approved for **4.8** contact hours of continuing education (which includes **1.2** hours of pharmacology) by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Program ID 0509382.

AARC: The American Association for Respiratory Care has granted Asthma Study Partners, Pursuing National Certification **2.10** hours of continuing education credit (CRCE). Provider #9380443.

CBRN: The Asthma and Allergic Rhinitis Workshop is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider#13556 for **2.5** contact hours.

TUITION

Individual tuition information is available upon request. Once payment has been processed, no refunds may be given.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about upcoming courses, please contact our national office.

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