



## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How is this program different from TB nurse case management courses offered by the CDC-funded Centers of Excellence and the Heartland National TB Center?

This program is available without regard to your jurisdiction, place of employment or experience level in TB nursing. This program is available to start at any time and there is no application or screening process to begin. There is a fee charged for this program. Nurses in hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), primary care clinics, correctional facilities, residential care facilities, and homeless shelters are all welcome to take the program.

[Be sure and check out your COE](#), Heartland National TB Center and the National TB Nurse Coalition webinars for additional educational opportunities including more advanced and in-depth training involving TB NCM and contact investigation. In the program you will identify your TB Center of Excellence (COE).

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### 2. What is the foundation for the program?

The program is grounded in the TB Nurse Case Management: Core Competencies originally developed and updated in 2024 by the National TB Nurse Coalition a section of the National TB Coalition of America (NTCA). These competencies serve as the foundational principles upon which the curriculum is built. <https://www.nationaltbcoalition.org/>

The competencies are organized into domains using the framework developed by the Community/Public Health Nursing Competencies, ensuring alignment with nationally recognized public health nursing standards in the United States.

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### 3. Are all the tiers and domains of the core competencies covered in this program?

No, the course covers Tier 1 core competencies which apply to generalist community or public health nurses who carry out the day-to-day functions in community or public health organizations. The content applies to the domains on assessment and analytical skills, education and communication, and cultural humility (building patient rapport).

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#### **4. What is the difference between a certificate and a certification, and what does this program provide?**

A certificate is an educational credential that verifies completion of a specific course or training program, while a certification is a professional credential that demonstrates mastery of skills, typically awarded by an industry body after passing an exam.

This program offers a certificate designed for entry-level TB Nursing Case Managers, supporting career development and expanding practical knowledge in a specialized skill rather than serving as a formal certification of professional competence.

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#### **5. Will there be a charge to take the NTCA TB Nurse Case Manager Certificate Program?**

Yes. There will be a fee to enroll in this online, asynchronous course, which will be offered through the [NTCA elearning Center](#).

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#### **6. Will continuing nursing education (CNE) be offered with the program?**

Yes. Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) credits will be available upon successful completion of the program.

The accredited CNE provider is Project ECHO® at the University of New Mexico.

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#### **7. Do I need to apply for approval from NTCA to register for the program?**

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#### **8. When is this program available for me to start?**

This program is an on-line asynchronous program and is available to start at any time.

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#### **9. Do I have to complete the program within a specific time frame after starting?**

No, you may complete at your own learning pace.

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## 10. What is the learning style and content of this program?

This program offers a peer-to-peer conversational perspective, of three TB Nurse Consultants, as they work collaboratively through a fictional scenario of a person with pulmonary TB from initial report, beginning the contact investigation, managing drug side effects, to completion of treatment.

This program is uniquely developed and delivered by a team of three TB nursing Subject Matter Experts (SME). Instruction follows a team performing TB Nurse Case Management of a fictionalized patient. Their experience demonstrates and reinforces essential TB Nurse Case Manager knowledge and skills.

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## 11. Do I need to have TB nurse case management experience to take the program?

No prior TB nursing experience is needed. However, we do recommend that you have completed the CDC TB Core Curriculum. Here is the link.

<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/hcp/education/core-curriculum-on-tuberculosis.html>

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## 12. What if my jurisdiction has specific requirements for TB nurse case management?

The program suggests at certain points to consult your local jurisdictions for their policies and protocols such as standing orders and treatment completion.

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## 13. Will I be able to conduct a full contact investigation after this program?

No, the program provides entry level information such as identifying contacts and gathering data for a TB contact investigation. In the program you will identify your TB Center of Excellence (COE). Consult your COE for a more in-depth course for strategies and practice techniques for contact investigation.

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## 14. Does this program cover all types of tuberculosis?

No, we cover one fictionalized patient with infectious pulmonary TB from identification to treatment completion.

Visit the [Centers of Excellence \(COEs\) websites](#) to find other products, courses, and webinars that allow extended learning opportunities about other forms of TB -- extrapulmonary in general or specific types like pediatric meningitis or miliary TB.