



# Navigating the Standards

## Safety & Quality in Medical Surgical Nursing

10 Hours CEU Event

### Sailing on Norwegian Epic

Round-trip from New Orleans sailing to...

Cozumel - Harvest Caye - Roatan - Costa Maya

February 15 - 22, 2026

# Join Us for the Spring 2026 Medical-Surgical Nursing Conference!

February 15 - 22, 2026

7-Day Western Caribbean Cruise

Departing from New Orleans

Ports of Call: Cozumel - Harvest Caye - Roatan - Costa Maya

Set sail on an unforgettable journey that combines professional development with a relaxing Caribbean getaway!

## Cruise Package Details

- Starting at \$938 per person (double occupancy)
- Includes:
  - Taxes and Fees
  - Internet Package
  - \$75 onboard credit
  - \$50 shore excursion credit per stateroom per port (a \$200 value)
- Reserve Now with Only \$50 Deposit Per Person
- Final Payment Due: October 18, 2025

Rooms have been reserved at a special group rate—  
don't miss out!



# Target Audience

This conference is designed primarily for registered nurses working in medical-surgical settings who are seeking to deepen their understanding of safety and quality standards in patient care. It is ideal for nurses involved in direct patient care, unit leadership, clinical educators, and quality improvement professionals within hospitals or healthcare facilities.

Additionally, the conference will benefit:

- Nurses preparing for specialty certification in medical-surgical nursing
- Nurse managers and supervisors responsible for implementing safety protocols
- New graduate nurses transitioning into medical-surgical roles
- Interprofessional team members interested in collaborative approaches to quality and safety in surgical and medical units
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Attendees should have a foundational knowledge of nursing practice and a commitment to advancing safe, evidence-based care for diverse adult patient populations.

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## Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate knowledge of current safety and quality standards in medical-surgical nursing.
- Apply evidence-based practices to enhance patient safety and reduce harm.
- Analyze gaps in practice related to accreditation standards and develop improvement plans.
- Integrate clinical reasoning aligned with safety and quality indicators to support patient outcomes.
- Evaluate personal and team performance to foster a culture of safety and continuous quality improvement.

## Conference Fees

Conference Fee: \$475

Early Bird Discount: Save \$100 when you register by October 1, 2025

Includes access to all conference sessions, materials, and exclusive networking events onboard

Limited space available — reserve your cabin and secure your spot today!



# ACCOMMODATIONS



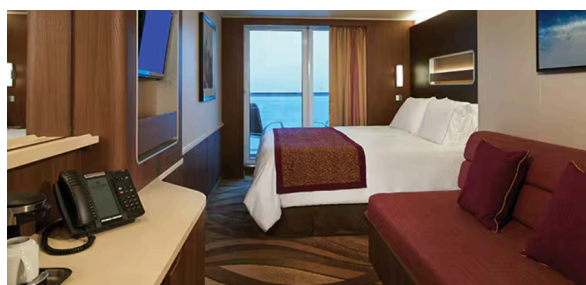
**Interior Cabin \$939**  
*per person/double occupancy*



**Ocean View Cabin \$1179**  
*per person/double occupancy*



**Balcony \$1389**  
*per person/double occupancy*



**Suite \$1439**  
*per person/double occupancy*

*Photos shown are representative of the cabin style only. Actual furnishings, decor, and finishes will vary by ship*

Rates are current as of July 4, 2026

## Schedule at a Glance

Day 1—New Orleans	Departs 5:30 pm
Day 2—Conference Day Session 1	8:00 am—1:00pm
Day 3—Cozumel, Mexico	7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Day 4—Harvest Caye, Belize	11:00 am –5:00 pm
Day 5—Roatan, Honduras	7:00 am—5:00pm
Day 6—Conference Day Session 2	8:00 am –1:00 pm
Day 7—New Orleans	Arrive at 8:00 am

### Session 1

Time	Topic	Description
08:00 – 08:15	Welcome & Introductions	Overview of conference goals and speaker introductions
08:15 – 08:45	Pre-Test Assessment	Assess baseline knowledge on safety and quality standards
08:45 – 09:30	Overview of Safety & Quality Standards	Key national and international standards (NSQHS, NQF, Joint Commission)
09:30 – 10:15	Evidence-Based Practices: Infection Control	Strategies to reduce hospital-acquired infections
10:15 – 10:30	Break	-
10:30 – 11:15	Medication Safety Strategies	Best practices to prevent medication errors
11:15 – 12:00	Fall Prevention and Patient Mobility	Practical interventions to prevent falls and promote safe mobility
12:00 – 12:15	Group Discussion: Challenges & Solutions	Interactive session to share experiences and brainstorm solutions

### Session 2

Time	Topic	Description
08:00 – 08:15	Recap of Day 1 and Q&A	Review key points from Day 1 and address questions
08:15 – 09:00	Clinical Reasoning and Decision-Making	Frameworks to support clinical decisions and improve patient outcomes
09:00 – 09:45	Case Studies: Gaps and Action Plans	Analyze real-world cases to identify gaps and develop improvement plans
09:45 – 10:00	Break	-
10:00 – 10:45	Building a Culture of Safety	Communication and teamwork strategies to enhance safety
10:45 – 11:30	Quality Improvement Tools	Tools for audit, feedback, and performance monitoring
11:30 – 12:00	Post-Test Assessment and Wrap-Up	Evaluate knowledge gained and discuss next steps for ongoing development

# DESTINATIONS



## Cozumel

Cozumel, off Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula, is a top Caribbean cruise port known for its coral reefs, clear waters, and friendly vibe. Modern piers lead to downtown San Miguel, where visitors can explore Mayan sites, snorkel or dive, and shop for crafts, jewelry, and tequila. It's a perfect mix of beauty and culture.



## Harvest Caye

Harvest Caye, Belize, is a cruise-exclusive private island. Harvest Caye, Belize, is a private island destination exclusive to cruise guests, offering white-sand beaches, a large pool with a swim-up bar, and private cabanas. Adventure options include zip-lining, kayaking, and eco-tours through a local wildlife sanctuary. Guests can also take excursions to mainland Belize for cultural experiences and Mayan ruins.



## Roatan

Harvest Caye is a tropical gem in the Caribbean, known for its lush jungles, vibrant coral reefs, and rich island culture. Cruise visitors can enjoy world-class snorkeling and diving, zip-line through the rainforest, or visit animal sanctuaries with monkeys and sloths. The island also offers local villages, beach clubs, and cultural tours for an authentic experience.



## Costa Maya

Costa Maya offers a modern cruise port with pools, shops, and restaurants, alongside access to ancient Mayan ruins like Chacchoben. Visitors can explore nearby beaches, snorkel in crystal-clear waters, browse artisan markets, or enjoy traditional food and dance in local villages. It's a perfect mix of history, adventure, and relaxation..



# Frequently Asked Questions

## What do I need to do to attend this event?

1. Pay a \$50 per person (refundable deposit) to secure your cabin on the ship. NurseCruise will make your cabin reservations based on your preference which you will note on your registration form and send you the confirmation code and information on how to make payments to the cruise line. Final payment due on October 18, 2025.
2. Register for the Conference. Select the Register Now-Pay Later option. Full payment should be made by December 1 to avoid late fees.

## Can I bring my family with me on the cruise?

Absolutely! Many of our Nurse Cruise attendees bring spouses, children, or friends along to enjoy the cruise together. While the continuing education sessions are reserved for registered nursing participants, your family is free to explore the ship, enjoy onboard entertainment, or relax while you're attending sessions. It's a great opportunity to combine professional development with a memorable family vacation.

## Who is the Nurse Planner for the conference?

Our Nurse Planner is Dr. Heather Fenton, EdD, MSN, RN, a highly experienced nurse educator with over 20 years in nursing education. Dr. Fenton currently serves as the Director of Nursing Programs at Northeastern State University in Oklahoma. She has successfully hosted Nurse Cruise events annually since 2014 (with the exception of the COVID years) and is dedicated to providing meaningful, evidence-based continuing education in engaging, real-world formats. Her leadership ensures that CEU programming meets high standards of quality, relevance, and professional growth.

## How many Continuing Education (CE) hours will I earn?

Participants will earn up to 10 contact hours of continuing nursing education:

This activity will be submitted to the Midwest Multistate Division for approval to award 10-contact hours. The Midwest Multistate Division is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation

## What is the refund policy for the cruise and the conference?

- **Cruise Deposits:** Deposits are fully refundable up to final payment date
- **Cruise Refunds:** Refunds for the cruise portion are subject to the cruise line's cancellation policy. These vary depending on how far in advance you cancel. Be sure to review the cruise contract.
- **Conference Refunds:** Cancellations more than 90 days before event will be refunded at 100%. 60-90 days 75%; 30-59 days 50%, 15-29 days 25%; 14 days before event--no refund BUT 50% credit/voucher toward a future NurseCruise event (case-by-case consideration may apply for emergencies with documentation)
- **Travel Insurance Recommended:** We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance that covers trip cancellation, medical emergencies, and cruise-specific issues.

## Do I need a passport?

A passport is highly recommended, even though it is not required for U.S. citizens sailing on this closed-loop cruise (a roundtrip voyage that begins and ends at the same U.S. port). However, your passport should be valid for at least six months beyond the last day of travel.

While you may be able to board the cruise with other forms of ID (such as a birth certificate and government-issued photo ID), having a valid passport is essential in the event of a medical emergency, missed ship departure, or other unexpected situation in a foreign port. Without one, returning to the U.S. from an international destination can be extremely difficult and delayed.

## Is Wi-Fi available on the ship?

Yes. Most major cruise lines offer Wi-Fi packages for purchase. While onboard Wi-Fi is available, speeds may be limited, especially at sea. If you'll need internet access for independent study or staying connected, consider purchasing a Wi-Fi package in advance or checking with the cruise line about options.



## **Book Your Cruise Now — Register for the Conference, Pay Later & Save!**

Reserve your cabin for ONLY \$50 per person deposit and lock in your spot for the next unforgettable Nurse Cruise experience! By booking early, you'll get priority access to conference registration—with the flexibility to pay for the CE portion later.



Bonus: Book your cruise by October 1 and receive \$100 off your conference registration fee!

Don't wait—cabins and conference seats are limited, and this early bird offer won't last.

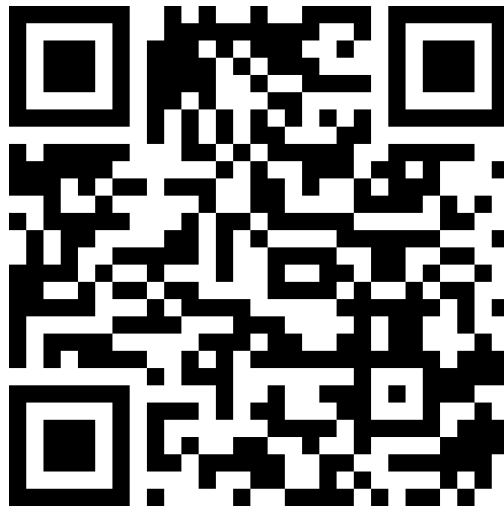


Secure your cabin today with just \$50 per person (\$100 for a shared cabin), save \$100, and set sail for CE, sunshine, and stress-free learning!

*NurseCruise*

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## Book Now



### Lock in your spot--Risk Free

Want to join us on NurseCruise but need a little more time to pay? We've got you covered.

With our **Register Now, Pay Later option**, you can secure your seat for the NurseCruise educational event today—no upfront payment required for the conference portion. And if you register by October 1, 2025 you can still save \$100

## Reviews

*"The Nurse Cruise event was an unforgettable experience! All the speakers were great and the cruise to Cozumel and Progresso was so fun!*

*This was the perfect blend of education and rejuvenation. Already looking forward to the next one."*

— David B. MSN RN  
Dallas, TX



Personal Rating: 5/5

*"This was exactly what I needed. A great conference with practical solutions I can bring back to my unit"*

— Cara S. BSN RN  
Jacksonville, FL



Personal Rating: 5/5