



Qualifying Physician Champion Education

The physician champion should complete at least four, six, or eight hours of training relevant to geriatric emergency care for Level 3, 2, and 1 accreditation respectively. The courses or training in geriatric emergency medicine should provide the physician champion with added expertise in the emergency care of older adults and enhance their ability to teach other physicians and clinicians how to improve their care. This training requirement must be demonstrated through coursework specific to older adults. For example, training could focus on clinical issues nearly exclusive to geriatric ED patients, such as end of life care, dementia, delirium, systems of care for older adults. Alternatively, training could be on issues common to all ED patients but focused on the unique factors found in older adults, such as trauma in older adults, cardiac arrest care for the geriatric patient. *Training in common emergency medicine conditions, such as stroke, that happen to affect older adults does not qualify for this requirement.*

Qualifying training courses may be in person, web-based (e.g., [Geriatric Emergency Department Collaborative](#)) or other equivalent delivery modes but must be provided through or led by an authoritative resource. *Reading a book or completing a topic search in Up to Date or another similar resource do not qualify for this training requirement unless Geriatric CME certificates are supplied for the activity.*

These educational requirements may be demonstrated through appropriate geriatric-focused CME certificates. Applicants may submit other, non-CME coursework that they believe fulfills the education requirement for review by the GEDA Board of Governors, which will determine whether it meets the requirements.

Appropriate education should relate to the eight domains of Geriatric EM as defined by Hogan *et al.*:

1. Atypical presentations of disease
2. Trauma including falls
3. Cognitive and Behavioral disorders
4. Emergency intervention modifications
5. Medication management/polypharmacy
6. Transitions of care
7. Effect of comorbid conditions/polymorbidity
8. End-of-life care

Qualifying Nurse Champion Education

There are a number of high-quality nursing education resources that the nurse champion and other nurses can pursue. The nurse champion must demonstrate at least one hour of geriatric-specific training. However, most sites support the nurse champion to pursue one of the following courses.

1. The [Geriatric Emergency Nursing Education](#) (GENE) course from the Emergency Nurses Association
2. The Emergency Department nursing modules from the [Nurses Improving Care for HealthSystem Elders](#) (NICHE).
3. Locally developed nursing education modules