

**Trauma Nurse Specialist (TNS) Continuing Education**  
**2026 CE SUMMARY SHEET by CATEGORY**  
**RETAIN ORIGINALS FOR YOUR RECORDS. MATERIALS WILL NOT BE RETURNED**

Name	Street address:	City: Zip:
TNS #:	County:	Birth date:
TNS Expiration date:	Child support statement [ ] Online [ ] Sent to IDPH	Driver's license #:
CE record from _____ to _____	Date submitted to TNSCC:	Social security #:
Email:	Contact Phone:	
<b>TNSCC Use ONLY:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> CE accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Processed renewal: IDPH database entry: _____ / _____    TNS e-mail confirmation: _____ / _____ <input type="checkbox"/> CE not accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient hrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Content not trauma-related or approved <input type="checkbox"/> Proof not attached <input type="checkbox"/> Late Gap details:		

**\*\*REMINDER:** TNS Renewal is NOT complete until a candidate has attested to their child support and felony conviction status and paid the renewal fee to IDPH. Fees may be paid on-line at <https://emslic.dph.illinois.gov/GLSuiteWeb/clients/ildohems/private/Shared/OnlineServices.aspx> or by mail via certified check or money order (slowest renewal). TNSs opting to renew by CE must accrue a minimum of **64 hours of trauma related activities every 4 years.** CE packets must be submitted to a TNS Course Coordinator (TNSCC) at least 40 and no more than 90 days prior to the TNS expiration date. Packets that do not include the appropriate number of approved hours will be returned. A **\$10 fee** may be assessed for any packet that is submitted within 14 days of license expiration date or is returned and requires a secondary review. This fee is in addition to, and separate from, any IDPH late fees assigned. Copies of this form and additional TNS information are available on the Trauma Nurse website <http://www.illinoisstraumanurse.org>. See page #5 for a listing of previously approved and not approved CE activities.

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<b>A</b>	<b>EMS/PREHOSPITAL</b> education related to TRAUMA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMS trauma-related CE with an EMS or CAPCE site code</li> <li>• PHRN, ECRN content that is trauma related</li> <li>• Emergency preparedness/multiple patient incident education If it can be found in the TNS curriculum, it can be included for credit List CE submitted in this category:</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div style="width: 15%; border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Date</div> <div style="padding: 2px;">Activity</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div style="width: 15%; border-right: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="padding: 2px;"></div> </div> <div style="display: flex; border-bottom: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <div style="width: 15%; border-right: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="padding: 2px;"></div> </div>	Verification of successful completion with EMS site code (IDPH, CAPCE), dates, times, and content listed.	Hour for hour up to <b>16 max</b> hours for EMS-related content	
	<b>Subtotal</b>			

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<b>B</b>	Education related to <b>HOSPITAL-BASED</b> trauma care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seminars, academic courses related to trauma care</li> <li>• Reading trauma-related articles and completing post-tests in compliance with journal guidelines</li> <li>• TNS review courses, auditing TNS lectures, TNS modules with completion of study questions <b>AFTER</b> approval and arrangements with the TNSCC.</li> <li>• Completing commercially available trauma offerings (written/video) w/post-test in compliance with publisher guidelines • Participating in trauma-related labs/skill stations</li> <li>• Participating in trauma simulations including trauma mass casualty incident (MCI) simulations; disaster drills</li> <li>• Webinar/Podcast links from TNS Website</li> </ul> If it can be found in the TNS_curriculum it can be included for credit List CE submitted in this category: Date            Activity	<p><b>Academic courses:</b> Copy of grade report OR transcript. If course title is not identifiable as trauma related, submit course description, syllabus, schedule, or profile. TNSCC will determine trauma related content and award TNS CEUs. (Semester courses are generally awarded <b>15 CEUs per 1 semester credit</b> hour to a <b>max 16 hrs in one topic area.</b>)</p> <p><b>Live CE:</b> Copy of certificate of attendance plus agenda if more than one presentation. TNS CC will determine/verify trauma-related hours. If no certificate is available, submit written verification of attendance signed by the activity facilitator or your supervisor with an explanation of the content/activity and the date(s) and time(s) involved. Repeat courses must be reviewed by TNSCC for appropriateness of additional CE hours.</p> <p><b>Media/On-line CE:</b> Submit official proof of participation/ completion and time awarded from sponsor.</p> <p><b>Webinar/Podcast</b> evaluation form from TNS Website</p> <p><b>Independent learning modules/ self-study modules:</b> Can repeat no more frequently than every two years.</p> <p><b>TNS Module Study Question:</b> <u>Questions associated with each module can be completed and submitted to a TNSCC for grading. Only a form with the submitter's legible handwriting will be accepted. The original handwritten document shall contain colored ink on each page. The original document may be scanned using a device that reproduces color and saved as a PDF file and submitted to a TNSCC electronically. Submit no later than 40 days before the date of TNS licensure expiration. Packets must earn a score of at least 80% to be awarded credit. The # of hours varies/packet. 20 questions per CEU hour.</u></p> <p><b>SANE /Human Trafficking/ IDPH Mandated Reporter Training: Max 6 hours</b></p> <p><b>MCI simulations:</b> Letter from sponsoring agency verifying participation and hours spent in drill activities.--- <b>Max 16 hours</b></p>	Hour for hour <b>up to 64 hours</b>  <b>No more than 16 hours in any one topic area</b>		
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<b>C</b>	<b>Performance improvement/studied discussion about trauma care</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participating in trauma QM/PI activities</li> <li>• Revising policies and procedures</li> <li>• Developing flow sheets, data analysis of trauma patients</li> <li>• Trauma data entry and analysis</li> <li>• Development of critical paths, system tools/evaluation tools</li> <li>• Attendance at Regional/State/Hospital trauma PI meetings</li> </ul>	Written letter from supervisor or coordinator verifying dates and hours and level of participation.	<b>Hour for hour up to 16 hrs.</b>		
	List CE submitted in this category				
	Date            Activity				
<b>Subtotal</b>					
<b>D</b>	<b>National Certification Courses</b> <b>INITIAL CERTIFICATON COURSES (non-trauma):</b> ACLS, APLS, EMSC, ENPC, PALS, PEPP Credit or partial credit is awarded for trauma-related content	Photocopy of certificate of attendance or certification card.  <b>Note:</b> CE is not awarded for certifications by exam only. Study prep courses for certification exams are acceptable hour for hour.	<b>4 hours per course</b>		
	Date            Activity				
	<b>RENEWAL CERTIFICATIONS:</b> ACLS, APLS, EMSC, ENPC, PALS, PEPP			<b>2 hrs per renewal</b>	
	Date            Activity				
	<b>INITIAL/Renewal TRAUMA CERTIFICATION COURSES:</b> ATCN, ATLS, CATN, FCCM, ITLS, PHTLS, TNCC, TNAC and other courses as approved.			<b>16 hrs/initial course; 8 hrs/renewal or per CEU provided by course</b>	
	Date            Activity				
<b>Subtotal</b>					

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<b>E</b>	<b>Trauma-related outreach activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Includes development and/or participation in injury prevention programs</li> <li>• Public education on trauma-related issues</li> <li>• Trauma committee member of statewide/nationwide organization</li> </ul> List CE submitted in this category Date                      Activity	Written letter from supervisor or trauma coordinator verifying hours and level of participation	<b>Hour for hour up to 16 hrs</b>	
	<b>Subtotal</b>			
<b>F</b>	<b>Author/editor/instructor of educational offerings related to Trauma care</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Author of self-study modules/ presentations/ other media</li> <li>• Author of journal articles/ chapter in books</li> <li>• Journal/book reviewer</li> <li>• Textbook editor</li> <li>• Creator of poster presentation</li> <li>• Author of an unpublished thesis</li> <li>• Instructor for trauma-related subject</li> <li>• Preceptor to RN/EMS students/personnel</li> </ul> Date                      Activity	Submit a copy of the article, chapter, or presentation for credit consideration Submit summary <u>and photo</u> of poster project Submit evidence of participation as an instructor in the form of student handouts prepared and a brochure or written statement from the course coordinator verifying the <u>topics and</u> hours of participation. <b>Materials must be presented in APA format.</b>  <b>EXCLUSIONS:</b> Topics that are not Trauma Related (i.e., ACS, Stroke or MegaCode in the ACLS course)  <b>All subjects must be trauma-related.</b>	<b>Up to 16 hours</b>	
	<b>Subtotal</b>			
<b>Total number of hours submitted</b>				

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APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION –as of 2/13/2026**

Topic / Item	Category	Hours	Date Approved
Death and Dying in the Trauma Patient Criteria for Brain Death	B	Hour for hour	2/9/24
Terrorism / Emergency Preparation Hazardous Materials education	A	Hour for hour; Max 16 hours	2/9/24
PTSD/Stress management	B	Hour for hour Max 16 hours	2/9/24
ENCARE Orientation	E	Hour for hour	2/9/24
Pain Management	B	Hour for hour	2/9/24
Western Schools Principles of Trauma Nursing	B	Hour for Hour	2/9/24
CEN Review Courses (trauma-related content)	B	6 hours	2/9/24
IMERT "Boot Camp"	A	Hour for hour up to 10	Dec. 2006
SANE Course (live and online) and Related SANE Education Human Trafficking IDFPR Mandated Reporter Training/ Sexual Assault Training	B	Max 6 hours	2/9/24
TNCC Instructor Update	D	6 hours	2/9/24
TNCC Instructor (teaching the TNCC course)	F	Max 16 hour/4 year	2/9/24
Air-Evac /Air Academy /Air Methods	B	25 hours	2/9/24
Organ donation, Legalities, Stabilization & Transport; Hypothermia/frostbite (retired from TNS course; OK for CE)	B	Hour for Hour	2/9/24
Emergency Courses IS001 Emerg management (0.3 CEUs) IS003 Radiological emerg mgt (0.3 CEUs) IS230 Principles of emerg mgt (0.6 CEUs)  IS 235 Emerg plan for fed disasters (1.0 CEU) IS 346 HazMat for healthcare wkr (1.0 CEU)	A	100 = 1 hour 200 = 1 hour 300= 21 hour 400=16 hours 700 = 2 hours  800 =3 hours	2/9/24
Emergency Neurologic Life Support (ENLS)	B	8 hours	2/9/24
TCAR (Trauma Care After Resuscitation)	B	Hr for Hr per CE certificate	2/9/24
ATCN (Advanced Trauma Care Nursing)	B	Hr for Hr per CE certificate	2/9/24
School Nurse Emergency Course (SNEC)	B	7.5	2/9/24
Trauma related Webinar/Podcast	A,B,C	Unlimited	2/9/24
Stop the Bleed Course	B	1 hour	2/9/24
TNAC (Trauma Nursing Advanced Care)	D	16 hrs/initial course; 8 hrs/renewal or per CEU provided by course	2/13/2026

Topics NOT APPROVED for TNS CE	
Topic/Item	Date last reviewed
Health literacy	6/2003
ED Triage Courses	9/2004
Human Factor Training	9/2004
Instructor update courses (exception TNCC)	12/2004
Instructing topics NOT trauma-related (ACS, stroke, cardiac arrest resuscitation in ACLS)	12/2004
Ebola (and other communicable disease) Training	8/2015
Harassment in the workplace	12/13/19
Submersion incidents	12/13/19
S.T.A.B.L.E.	4/11/2025
Clinical Education or Case studies	8/1/2025
NRP (Neonatal Resuscitation Program)	2/13/2026