AAC for Patients in Critical and Acute Care Settings

INTRODUCTION

Regardless of their age, patients in critical and acute care settings may experience communication difficulties due to the nature of their illness and the medical interventions they require. This session discusses augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) for these patients, including evaluation and intervention considerations, resources, and materials to support AAC service delivery.

This course is a recorded session from the 2021 online conference “Maximizing Outcomes for Medically Complex Patients of All Ages.”

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:

- describe communication vulnerabilities and medical considerations for patients of all ages in critical and acute care settings
- identify resources and practice guidelines that promote communication access for patients in critical and acute care settings
- utilize elements of a feature matching assessment during a bedside evaluation of communication abilities

PROGRAM HISTORY and IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Recording length: 44 minutes
Online conference dates: March 17–29, 2021; August 4–16, 2021
End date: March 17, 2026

To earn continuing education credit, you must complete the learning assessment on or before March 17, 2026.

This course is offered for 0.05 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area).