

## Adult Respiratory Assessment

**Course Description:** This module is a comprehensive guide to performing respiratory assessments. It offers tips and methods for doing airway assessments, lung auscultation, and pulse oximetry; and covers pneumothorax, chest tubes, and the care of patients with chest tubes. The module will boost both knowledge and confidence when performing daily respiratory assessments.

### Course Objectives:

- Explain how to distinguish between normal and abnormal findings in respiratory assessments, and relate these findings to possible causes
- Describe the components of an airway assessment
- Discuss indications and methods used for airway protection
- Describe lung sounds, recommended auscultation sites, and possible causes of abnormal sounds
- Explain pulse oximetry and list tips to ensure accurate readings
- Define pneumothorax and its associated signs and symptoms
- Briefly discuss indications for, and care of, chest tubes
- Explain abnormal respiratory findings and relate the findings to possible causes
- Describe nursing interventions that may be performed to avoid more serious respiratory complications