



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Asia-Pacific Initiative for Rheumatology Nurse Education (ASPIRE) core training modules

The following information provides answers to some of the frequently asked questions about ASPIRE core training modules from how they were developed to how they can be effectively implemented.

1	Which areas of rheumatology are included in the core training modules?	To date, the core training modules has been prioritized to focus on RA. Depending on the critical areas of educational need, future training modules could cover other rheumatological diseases, including skills and competencies within rheumatology nursing.
2	What evidence and research were used to develop the core training modules?	The ASPIRE working group members deployed an informal small-scale educational needs survey among nurses across several countries in Asia-Pacific to inform and prioritize topics to be included in the core training modules.
3	How do the core training modules impact providers of continuing nurse education?	Besides being readily available, the training modules have been reviewed and endorsed by APLAR, an independent and professional medical association for rheumatology in the region. With this in mind, providers of continuing nurse or professional education can be reassured of the relevance, standards and quality of the modules and their content.
4	Are the core training modules appropriate for nurse practitioners with limited or no prior rheumatology nursing experience?	The modules have been developed such that they can be tailored to meet specific educational needs and for nurses with different levels of rheumatology nursing experience. This also means that the modules can be used to train advanced practice nurses (or potential trainers) as well as those with limited no prior rheumatology nursing experience.
5	Are the core training modules available in other languages besides English?	Besides English, the modules have been translated into Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese and Japanese.
6	I would like to organize a training workshop using the core training modules. Are there any resources or tools to support this?	Individuals or groups intending to organize educational workshops with ASPIRE core training modules can now access the ASPIRE implementation toolkit. As with the modules, the toolkit is not a 'must follow' road map. Rather, it provides templates and other materials which you may adapt according to your specific needs and education setting.

In addition, the APLAR-ASPIRE education grants will be made available to support educational activities relating the ASPIRE core training modules. Please check this website in June/July for a further update.