

CHAPTER 137  
TRAUMA EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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**641—137.1(147A) Definitions.** For the purposes of these rules, the following definitions apply:

*“Advanced registered nurse practitioner” or “ARNP”* means a nurse as defined in rule 655—7.1(152).

*“Formal education”* means education in standardized educational settings with a curriculum.

*“Licensed practical nurse” or “LPN”* means an individual licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 152.

*“Physician”* means an individual licensed under Iowa Code chapter 148.

*“Physician assistant” or “PA”* means an individual licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148C.

*“Practitioner”* means a person who practices medicine or one of the associated health care professions.

*“Registered nurse” or “RN”* means an individual licensed pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 152.

*“Trauma”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code chapter 147A.

*“Trauma care facility”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code chapter 147A.

*“Trauma patient”* means a victim of an external cause of injury that results in major or minor tissue damage or destruction caused by intentional or unintentional exposure to thermal, mechanical, electrical or chemical energy, or by the absence of heat or oxygen.

*“Verification”* means the same as defined in Iowa Code chapter 147A.

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**641—137.2(147A) Initial trauma education requirements.**

**137.2(1)** Trauma education is required of physicians, physician assistants, advanced registered nurse practitioners, registered nurses, and licensed practical nurses who are identified or defined as trauma team members by a trauma care facility and who participate directly in the initial resuscitation of the trauma patient.

**137.2(2)** Requirements for initial trauma education. Specific requirements for initial trauma education for each provider category are as follows:

a. Physicians, PAs and ARNPs shall comply with education criteria specific to the level for which the trauma care facility is verified. Physicians, PAs and ARNPs at verified level I, II, and III trauma care facilities shall comply with criteria according to the “Resources for Optimal Care of Injured Patients 2022 Standards” published by the American College of Surgeons. Physicians, PAs and ARNPs at verified level IV trauma care facilities shall comply with criteria according to the “Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient 2014” published by the American College of Surgeons.

b. RNs and LPNs shall comply with education criteria specific to the level for which the trauma care facility is verified. RNs and LPNs at verified level I, II, and III trauma care facilities shall comply with criteria according to the “Resources for Optimal Care of Injured Patients 2022 Standards” published by the American College of Surgeons. RNs and LPNs at verified level IV trauma care facilities shall comply with criteria according to the “Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient 2014” published by the American College of Surgeons.

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**641—137.3(147A) Continuing trauma education requirements.** Specific requirements for continuing trauma education for each provider category are as follows:

**137.3(1)** Physicians, PAs and ARNPs shall comply with education criteria specific to the level for which the trauma care facility is verified. Physicians, PAs and ARNPs at verified level I, II, and III trauma care facilities shall comply with criteria according to the “Resources for Optimal Care of Injured Patients 2022 Standards” published by the American College of Surgeons. Physicians, PAs and ARNPs at verified level IV trauma care facilities shall comply with criteria according to the “Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient 2014” published by the American College of Surgeons.

**137.3(2)** RNs and LPNs shall comply with education criteria specific to the level for which the trauma care facility is verified. RNs and LPNs at verified level I, II, and III trauma care facilities shall

comply with criteria according to the “Resources for Optimal Care of Injured Patients 2022 Standards” published by the American College of Surgeons. RNs and LPNs at verified level IV trauma care facilities shall comply with criteria according to the “Resources for Optimal Care of the Injured Patient 2014” published by the American College of Surgeons.

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