Emory Healthcare Quality Academy: Practical Methods for Healthcare Improvement

**Purpose:** The Emory Healthcare Quality Academy was formed in 2007 to further the mission of Emory Healthcare and to help fulfill our quality promise to patients of impeccable outcomes, delivered safely, with excellent service. The Quality Academy serves the EHC community by training leaders and frontline workers in health care in quality improvement skills that they can spread to their local settings.

Practical Methods for Healthcare Improvement is a 12-day course, divided into 3-day sessions monthly for 4 months, designed to develop local quality improvement leaders who are capable of independently planning and conducting improvement in their areas and serving as resources to others. This course has been taken by people from multiple disciplines, including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, clinical laboratory personnel, administrators, business analysts, and chaplains and staff support personnel. Participants must be sponsored by their supervisors in order to attend, in order to ensure that the skill set is desired and utilized in the workplace. Each participant has a project to conduct over the course that is chosen with the participation of his or her supervisor. A coach is assigned to each project, and the course participant is expected to meet with the coach and continue work on the project between classroom sessions.

To reserve your spot, this course requires a recommendation/nomination from your supervisor or department leader. Please submit any recommendation/nomination to Nathan O. Spell, III, MD, FACP nspell@emory.edu.

**2020 Schedule:**

- **Spring 2020 at Emory University Hospital**
  - Session 1: February 11 - 13
  - Session 2: March 17 - 19
  - Session 3: April 21 - 23
  - Session 4: May 19 - 21

- **Fall 2020 at Emory Saint Joseph’s Hospital**
  - Session 1: August 18 - 20
  - Session 2: September 15 - 17
  - Session 3: October 20 - 22
  - Session 4: November 17 - 19

Nurses will receive continuing education credits through the Emory Nursing Professional Development Center (ENPDC), accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurse Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. For more information: contact us at ENPDC@emory.edu.