

# Course Objectives

MedBridge

*Behavior Management Strategies for Children with Special Health Care Needs*

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## Course Description:

This course provides students with an overview of managing challenging behaviors of children with special health care needs in pediatric home care. The importance for the home care nurse to recognize that behavior is a form of communication is emphasized. Improper response by the nurse to challenging behavior can result in negative outcomes for the child and family. Home care nurses have a unique opportunity to provide behavior support to the child and family. This course will identify the (1) common causes of challenging behavior in children with special needs, (2) examples of challenging behaviors in these children with disabilities, and (3) core components of positive behavior support and communication for home care nurses.

## Course Objectives:

- Define challenging behavior and explain why responses to challenging behaviors in children with special health care needs affect the child, the family, and the caregivers in pediatric home care
- List the common causes of challenging behaviors in children with special health care needs
- Identify examples of challenging behaviors seen in pediatric home care
- Suggest core components of positive behavior support by pediatric home care nurses