



CONTINUING NURSING STUDIES

Post Basic Program in Perioperative Nursing for Registered Nurses

Program Overview

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Introduction

The Post Basic Program in Perioperative Nursing was developed as a distance learning program in 2005 by Continuing Nursing Studies at the Centre for Nursing Studies.

This self-paced, distance learning program of instruction is designed to enable registered nurses to acquire the necessary knowledge and practice expertise to care for clients in perioperative settings.

The program consists of a theoretical component, a lab component, and a six to eight week preceptored clinical experience (depending on prior perioperative experience) in a perioperative setting. Students have one year to complete the program and will be accommodated in their own geographic region as much as possible. *Please note: The Centre for Nursing Studies must receive a completed **Perioperative Preceptorship Approval Form** prior to admission in to the RN Perioperative Program.*

Advantages

- This program is independent and self-directed, allowing students to proceed at their own pace.
- Individual faculty support is readily available by telephone or email to deal with difficult concepts or to discuss study habits, time management, etc.
- Peer support is encouraged and arranged by the program facilitator.
- Students can complete most of the program without having to leave their home community, (exception for laboratory and clinical experience).
- Students can study at any time that is convenient, allowing them to continue other professional and personal roles.
- Additional learning materials are readily available, upon request, through the Centre for Nursing Studies.
- Clinical preceptors are highly qualified professionals in perioperative settings who work one-on-one with the student.
- Students will be awarded a certificate upon achievement of program outcome that potentially could be utilized towards national certification.

Program Requirements

The Post Basic Program in Perioperative Nursing for registered nurses is a self-directed modularized learning process consisting of three required pre-requisite modules, five modules of Perioperative Nursing theory and a General Surgery module. Students must successfully meet the evaluation requirements for the prerequisite modules prior to proceeding to the five perioperative modules and the general surgery module.

Learning Materials and Resources

These materials include:

- a set of study modules
- required textbooks (to be purchased by student)
- required journal articles/required readings
- access to other learning materials, e.g., texts, articles, pamphlets, and audio-visual materials
- information and grading schemes for assignments

The self-instructional modules all attempt to provide the following guidance:

- ◆ specific learning objectives
- ◆ directed reading in accompanying textbooks
- ◆ extra information not provided in textbooks
- ◆ learning activities related to objectives
- ◆ a comprehension check at the end of each module to allow the student to evaluate his/her readiness for the supervised examination.
- ◆ answers to the comprehension check.

Nursing Theory Modules

PREREQUISITE MODULES:

| Prerequisite Modules | Content | Estimated Time for Completion | Evaluation |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Anatomy and Physiology | Based on all body systems. | - | Self-evaluation |
| Health Assessment (Bridging) Module | Based on self assessment of learning needs of health history and physical examination of all body systems. | - | Self-evaluation |
| Health Promotion, Teaching/Learning | Concept of Health Health Promotion Teaching Learning Interviewing-Counseling | 70 hours | 1 Exam |

PERIOPERATIVE NURSING CARE MODULES:

| Perioperative Nursing Care Modules | Content | Estimated Time to Complete | Evaluation |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Module One</u> - Professional Issues in Perioperative Nursing Practice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of Perioperative Nursing • Philosophy and Standards of Perioperative Nursing • The Perioperative Team • Roles of the Perioperative Nurse • Legal & Ethical Issues Specific to Perioperative Nursing • Management of Urgent/Emergency Situations | 70 hours | 1 Exam |
| <u>Module Two</u>- Asepsis and the Perioperative Environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection Control and the Operating Room Environment • Aseptic Technique • Sterilization and Disinfection • Surgical Attire • Draping | 90 hours | 1 Exam |
| <u>Module Three</u>- Perioperative Care I | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Facilities and Equipment • Instrumentation • Hemostasis • Sutures & Needles • Surgical Count | 90 hours | 1 Exam |
| <u>Module Four</u> - Perioperative Care II | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perioperative Assessment • Anesthesia • Surgical Positioning • Surgical Skin Preparation • Wound Management • Specimen Care and Handling • Medication Handling | 100 hours | 1 Exam |
| <u>Module Five</u> - Perioperative Care III | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latex Allergy • Post-Operative Care and Discharge Planning • Minimally Invasive Surgery • Ambulatory Surgery • Special Considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the pediatric patient ○ the geriatric patient ○ the pregnant patient for non-obstetrical surgery ○ trauma/emergency surgery | 100 hours | 1 Exam |
| General Surgery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast Surgery • Hernia Repair • Surgery of the Liver, Biliary Tract, Pancreas, and Spleen • Gastrointestinal Surgery • Thyroid and Parathyroid Surgery | 70 hours | 1 Exam |

Evaluation

➤ *Theory Component*

Students who live in the St. John's area are expected to write examinations at the Centre for Nursing Studies. Students who live outside the St. John's area will be assigned an invigilator who will administer the examinations at a time and place that is mutually acceptable to the Invigilator and student. All examinations are corrected by the program facilitator at the Centre and individual student feedback is provided.

The pass mark for each multiple choice module examination is 70%. If students are unsuccessful in achieving a passing grade initially, two supplementary examinations are permitted in the program. If a 70% is not achieved in the supplementary examination(s), the student will be required to withdraw from the program. Health Assessment and Anatomy and Physiology theory requirements are based on the student's individual learning needs identified through completion of self-assessment tools. Appropriate learning activities will be provided based on identified needs. The prerequisite module on Health Promotion/Teaching and Learning is evaluated by a multiple-choice examination.

➤ *Laboratory Component*

The lab component is comprised of competencies routinely performed in the perioperative setting.

➤ *Clinical Component*

Prior to admission in to the RN Perioperative Program, the Centre for Nursing Studies must receive a completed Perioperative Preceptorship Approval Form; it is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain information and signatures required on this form and submit same as part of the registration process.

The perioperative clinical educator and nurse manager will select a suitable nurse to act as preceptor. The program facilitator will be available to help assist in this process if needed. The student works with this qualified preceptor on a one-to-one basis. Together, the preceptor and student plan appropriate clinical assignments and nursing interventions. The student's progress toward meeting objectives is closely monitored. Clinical evaluation is discussed both with the student and the program facilitator prior to becoming part of the student's permanent record.

In the perioperative setting, students must achieve a passing grade in all components of the clinical evaluation which is based on specific objectives aimed at nursing care of the perioperative client in a perioperative setting. Students who have extensive perioperative experience will be required to complete and achieve a passing grade in a written report/presentation of a project or health promotion activity relative to the perioperative client, staff aggregate, or setting. Learning experiences will vary depending on prior learning assessment and the individual needs of the student.

➤ ***Program Evaluation***

Evaluation is ongoing throughout the theoretical and clinical components of the program. Both students and preceptors are asked to provide ongoing feedback on the perioperative nursing program through designated program evaluation forms located at the end of each module, included with preceptorship materials and at the end of the program. Student feedback is valuable to making ongoing changes and improvements in program design and content.

REGISTRATION PACKAGE

POST BASIC PROGRAM IN PERIOPERATIVE NURSING FOR REGISTERED NURSES

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- Admission Criteria
- Fee Structure
- Registration Checklist
- Registration Form

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

PROGRAM DATES:

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Current registration in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador

- Completion and submission of the Perioperative Preceptorship Approval Form.

- Certification in Basic Life Support within the past year

- Preference will be given to applicants who have actively practiced nursing in an acute care setting for the equivalent of 12 full months during the past 3 years.

Note: Limited enrollment

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION

Students who feel they may be able to receive credit for prior learning should contact Continuing Nursing Studies. Students will be assessed to determine relevant prior learning. A fee for credit will be determined based on the amount of the program able to be challenged.

FEE STRUCTURE

Fixed Cost (\$1500.00) includes:

- Tuition
- Program Materials (does NOT include textbooks)

Please Note: Fees are subject to change.

Full tuition payment is required prior to commencement of the program.

Students may withdraw from the program at any time. A tuition refund is provided within 30 days from the start date (100% refund minus a 10% administration fee and the cost of program materials). No fees will be reimbursed after this 30-day period.

Associated Costs:

Required Texts: Text book prices vary and obtaining required texts are sole responsibility of applicant.

Travel: Costs may be incurred as a result of travel for attendance at lab sessions and clinical practicum.

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

- Registration Form
- Perioperative Preceptorship Approval Form
- Pre Clinical Placement Requirements

- Photocopies of:
 - Current ARNNL registration
 - Current CPR certificate
 - Transcript or Certificate for Health Assessment Course
 - Transcript or Certificate for Health Promotion Course
 - Transcript or Certificate for Anatomy & Physiology

Please return completed registration form to:

Tracey Evans
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Southcott Hall
100 Forest Rd.
St. John's, NL A1A 1E5

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REGISTRATION FORM

SECTION I

ARNNL Registration No. _____

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| First Name | Middle Name | Last Name | Maiden Name |
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| Street Address | City/Town | Province | Postal Code |
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| Phone (Home) | Phone (Business) | Phone (Cell) | Fax Number |
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| E-Mail Address (Compulsory) | Emergency Contact Person | Telephone |
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| CPR certification date | CPR expiry date | ACLS certification date | ACLS expiry date |
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| Desired Date to Commence Program/Course | Number of years since last practicing as RN |
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SECTION II: PAYMENT

II a. Cheque [] Cash [] Credit Card [] Debit []
 * Sponsor []

Amount Paid: _____

Cheque or money order should be made payable to the Centre for Nursing Studies.

Master Card / VISA Cardholder's Name: _____

Master Card/Visa # _____ Expiry Date: _____

IIb. * Sponsored students must complete the following information .

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| Sponsoring Agency: | Contact Person: |
| Address: | |
| Phone No. | Fax No. |
| E-Mail: | |

SECTION III: POST SECONDARY EDUCATION (University, Technical, Vocational, Nursing, Workshops, In-Services, First Aid, CPR, Etc.)

| Institution | Location | Program Of Study | Certificate / Diploma | Year/s Attended |
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SECTION IV: REFERENCES: Please print the names, full addresses, and telephone numbers of two individuals providing your references.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Address: _____

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Address: _____

SECTION V: EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (beginning with most recent):

Current Employing Health Board: _____ Current Work Site: _____
 Immediate Supervisor/Manager: _____ Phone Number: _____

Other Employment in Nursing: _____

COPY OF ACTIVE RN LICENSE IS REQUIRED.

I hereby verify that the information given on this Registration Form is correct. I agree to be governed by the policies, rules, and regulations as set forth by the Centre for Nursing Studies.

Permission is granted to The Centre for Nursing Studies to: i) contact previous employers and/or educational institutions to obtain personal references, to verify educational background, and/or to provide the clinical preceptor with this information
 ii) provide verification of successful course completion to the licensing body and/or sponsoring agency.

 Date

 Signature of Learner

FAX NUMBER: 709-777-8176

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