PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE

Perioperative Nursing

Information Packet

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NSP 2290C

This Perioperative Nursing course will provide RN's with the basic knowledge and clinical skills necessary to function independently in an entry level Perioperative Nursing position.

9 Semester Credit Hours
Application Procedure: Contact the Admissions Specialist at 484-2210 for assistance in completing the application procedure.

- Apply to Pensacola State College
- Apply to Health-Related Programs
- Provide proof of licensure
- Complete application for the Perioperative Nursing course

Course Description:

The Perioperative Nursing course will provide Registered Nurses with basic knowledge and clinical skills necessary to function independently in an entry level Perioperative Nursing position. Course content includes principles of aseptic technique, patient safety, universal protocol, and the nursing process in the perioperative setting. The course will also address ethical, moral, and legal issues as well as specific considerations for various types of procedures and specialty services in the circulating role.

Course Structure:

NSP 2290C Perioperative Nursing is a hybrid course extending over one 16-week semester. The theory component is online via eLearning, the online learning environment used by students attending hybrid and/or online course through Pensacola State College. The clinical component consists of 180 hours, including 20 hours in the laboratory setting and 160 hours in the clinical setting. Students must complete both components successfully to pass the course.

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe roles of the multidisciplinary surgical team in the perioperative, intraoperative, and postoperative areas and the specific role of the Registered Nurse.
2. Demonstrate basic skills of scrubbing and circulating, and the ability to conceptualize and control an aseptic environment.
3. Identify the needs of perioperative clients using the nursing process.
4. Identify common pharmacological interventions used in the perioperative setting and demonstrate safe administration.
5. Perform perioperative care congruent with client safety and comfort according to established standards of practice.
6. Describe pathological and physiological conditions requiring surgical intervention.
7. Analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of nursing practice and the quality of client care during surgical intervention.
8. Identify the ethical, moral, and legal responsibilities of the surgical team.
9. Demonstrate appropriate prioritization of perioperative nursing activities relevant to the surgical setting.
10. Identify opportunities for professional growth as a perioperative nurse.

Teaching Strategies	Assignment/Plan	Explanation of Assignment
Lecture /Discussion	Online hybrid design	Weekly online discussions based on assigned topics, including an initial response for each topic and at least 2 responses to classmates.
Case study analysis / Individual and team projects	Online learning activities	Assignments in addition to discussions; time required varies according to specific assignment.
Quizzes	Weekly online quizzes	Testing to assess understanding of concepts.
Audiovisuals / Hands-on Lab	Lab time for specific skills instruction and return demonstration	7 hours each week x 3 weeks at the start of the semester; must be completed prior to placement with an assigned preceptor in the clinical setting
Clinical experience	Preceptorship in local hospitals and surgery centers	160 clinical hours to be completed by the end of the semester; attendance and learning experiences validated by documentation from both the student and the preceptor.
Portfolio	Professional presentation for the purpose of documenting learning experiences	Documentation compiled over the course of the semester and evaluated at the end of the semester.

Course Outline of Topics

1. Introduction to Perioperative Nursing
2. Aseptic Technique
3. Surgical Environment and Circulating Activities
4. Perioperative Assessment
5. Pharmacological Interventions
6. Surgical counts, Surgical instruments, & Sterilization methods
7. Infection control and Risk management
8. Client positioning, Surgical preps, & Intraoperative assessment
9. Sutures, Staples, and Surgical equipment
10. Homeostasis and Wound management
11. Anesthesia and Malignant Hyperthermia
12. Laser safety and Perioperative documentation
13. Communications
14. Surgical Procedures & Specialties (Including age-related factors)
15. Ethical, moral, & legal issues
16. Professionalism

Required Textbook:

Rothrock, J. C. (2011). *Alexander's care of the patient in surgery*. Elsevier.

Recommended Reference:

AORN. (2011). *Standards, recommended practices, and guidelines*.

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Application

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Student Number License number

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Last Name First Middle and/or Maiden

Mailing Address _____ Apt# _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Home

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Work Experience (optional)

Number of years work experience _____

Primary duties:

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