

# Perioperative Nursing/RN program

## Theory courses by distance (asynchronous online)

### Program overview

The Perioperative Nursing/RN program is an advanced certificate program of interest to registered nurses who:

- work in the operating room and want to increase their expertise;
- want to make the transition to perioperative nursing;
- want to acquire specialized knowledge and skills in perioperative nursing and aseptic technique;
- seek educational recognition.

The Perioperative Nursing/RN program provides registered nurses with expanded knowledge and competencies in areas such as:

- applying the nursing process to deliver patient care in scrub and circulating roles;
- developing critical thinking skills in the perioperative setting;
- promoting patient advocacy and patient safety;
- developing awareness of surgical conscience;
- providing team member support and perioperative theatre management.

The Perioperative Nursing/RN program is approved by the Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada (ORNAC).

### Program benefits

Upon successful completion of the program you will be prepared for a career in the operating room, ambulatory surgery centre or freestanding clinic. You will also be eligible for

- three transfer credits from College of Nursing, University of Saskatchewan.
- six transfer credits from Athabasca University.
- 675 practice hours to maintain registration with the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association (SRNA) if you are a registered nurse in Saskatchewan while taking the program
- the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) national certification exam
- the Grad Exemption Tax

### Admission requirements

- Licensed with the registered nurses licensing body in the province where you will participate in the clinical experience. Your registration must be active and current in order to participate in the clinical component

Following acceptance into the full program, it is recommended you submit proof of:

- Current CPR Health Care Provider/AED Level "C" Certificate; and
- Current immunization - You will be notified prior to participating in CLIN 221 if updating is required.

Admission method is first qualified, first admitted. All programs using this method accept applications year-round. Qualified applicants who are not offered a seat must reapply for the next academic year.

### Learning methods

The six theory courses are delivered by distance (asynchronous online).

With distance delivery you:

- access course materials by signing onto the internet at your convenience;
- communicate with faculty and other students through discussion, assignments, online conferencing or email;
- write exams online at approved test sites in, or close to, your home community.

The 5-day lab consists of a demonstration of essential psychomotor skills, practicing skills under supervision, and a performance exam.

The clinical experience (approximately 10 weeks) takes place after successful completion of the lab.

To determine if you may be eligible for Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR), contact the instructor after you are enrolled.

### Full program

You have approximately eight months (excluding July and August) to complete the theory, lab and clinical courses.

- NURS 244 Surgical Environment (55 hrs)
- NURS 245 Perioperative Nursing Process/RN (55 hrs)
- NURS 246 Surgical Equipment (30 hrs)
- ANAT 266 Anatomy Review (15 hrs)
- NURS 247 Perioperative Nurse/Anesthesia/RN (30 hrs)
- NURS 248 Surgical Procedures (60 hrs)
- NURS 202 Psychomotor Skills Lab (30 hrs)
- CLIN 221 Perioperative Nursing Practice/RN (400 hrs)  
Prior to participating in CLIN 221, you must submit proof of:
  - Current CPR Health Care Provider/AED Level "C" Certificate; and
  - Current immunization

### Tuition

Complete details on tuition and fees for this program are available on the SIAST web page.

### Start dates

November and January

### Theory courses part-time

You must apply to the program and be accepted before you can register to take theory courses part-time (on a course by course basis). You must complete all the theory courses, psychomotor skills lab and clinical experience within 3 years from the start date of your first theory course.

### Theory courses

- The theory courses are delivered by distance (asynchronous online)
- Part-time students register in individual theory courses as listed.
- Registration deadline is 1 month prior to the start date.
- CRN = course registration number

### NURS 244 Surgical Environment

Course hours: 55  
Tuition: \$578  
Start/end date: Nov 7-Jan 6  
CRN: 09-84  
Start/end date: Jan 9-Mar 2  
CRN: 03-414

### NURS 245 Perioperative Nursing

Process/RN Course hours: 55  
Pre-requisite (concurrent): NURS 244  
Tuition: \$578  
Start/end date: Nov 14-Jan 6  
CRN: 09-85  
Start/end date: Jan 16-Mar 2  
CRN: 03-415

### NURS 246 Surgical Equipment

Course hours: 30  
Pre-requisite: NURS 244, NURS 245  
Tuition: \$512  
Start/end date: Jan 9-Feb 17  
CRN: 09-87  
Start/end date: Mar 5-Apr 20  
CRN: 03-417

### ANAT 266 Anatomy Review

Course hours: 15  
Pre-requisite (concurrent): NURS 246  
Tuition: \$281  
Start/end date: Jan 9-Feb 3  
CRN: 09-88  
Start/end date: Mar 5-Apr 2  
CRN: 03-418

### NURS 247 Perioperative Nurse/ Anesthesia/RN

Course hours: 30  
Pre-requisite: NURS 245  
Tuition: \$461  
Start/end date: Feb 6-Mar 9  
CRN: 09-89  
Start/end date: Apr 10-May 11  
CRN: 03-419

### NURS 248 Surgical Procedures

Course hours: 60  
Pre-requisite: ANAT 266  
Pre-requisite (concurrent): NURS 247  
Tuition: \$605  
Start/end date: Feb 21-Mar 23  
CRN: 09-91  
Start/end date: Apr 23-May 25  
CRN: 03-421

Visit the program web page to view complete course descriptions.

[www.goSIAST.com/programs&courses](http://www.goSIAST.com/programs&courses)

All courses are subject to minimum enrollment and tuition fee changes.

### To enroll full or part-time:

Complete a SIAST Application for Admission form. Check (✓) "full-time" or "part-time" in the Program Information section. Part time students must also complete a registration form for each course they want to take.

- Application to the program and registration for a course can be made in person, by phone, mail, fax, or online.
- Application and registration forms are available on our website or by contacting:

Registration Services  
SIAST Wascana Campus  
Phone: (306) 798-4314  
Fax: (306) 798-1377

### To purchase course material:

The cost of texts and materials is approximately \$250.

Order online, by phone or in person from the Wascana Campus Bookstore.  
Toll free: 1-866-569-8398

### For additional information:

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## Advanced Certificate

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