Operating Room Registered Nurse Training  
AORN Periop 101 Curriculum

Periop 101: A Core Curriculum provides the novice Operating Room Registered Nurse with the rationale and theory of perioperative practice necessary to provide safe patient care. The 25 didactic modules are presented in an online format. The course covers the perioperative nurse's role both as scrub person and circulating nurse, the process of disinfection/sterilization of equipment and instrumentation, safety concerns in the perioperative setting, and patient care needs. In addition, it presents information, facts, ideas, theories, concepts, or principles to build knowledge. The course also presents suggestions for development of psychomotor skills needed in the clinical environment. The course is used in conjunction with a clinical preceptorship.

Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this online activity, the participant should be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of the responsibilities of the perioperative registered nurse when functioning in the circulating role.
- Demonstrate understanding of the responsibilities of the perioperative registered nurse when functioning in the scrub role.
- Describe the processes involved in creating and maintaining a sterile field.
- Demonstrate knowledge of safe patient care in the perioperative setting.

Learning Activities:

Patient and Worker Safety modules
- Environmental Sanitation and Terminal Cleaning
- Positioning
- Natural Latex Sensitivity/Allergy
- Sterilization and Disinfection
- Specimens

Aseptic Practice modules
- Aseptic Technique
- Scrubbing, Gowning and Gloving
- The Surgical Environment
- Surgical Draping
Equipment Safety modules
- Electrosurgery
- Endoscopic and MIS
- Safety in the Surgical Suite

Patient Care modules
- Anesthesia
- Medications and Solutions
- Perianesthesia Nursing
- Perioperative Assessment
- Positioning
- Skin Prep
- Hemostasis, Sponges and Drains
- Patient and Family Education
- Wound Closure and Healing

Sterilization modules
- Sterilization and Disinfection
- Surgical Instruments

General modules
- Documentation
- Introduction to Perioperative Nursing
- Critical Thinking
- Professionalism
- Preceptor

Course Expiration
Students will have access to modules for 90 days after initial login.

Course Requirements
To receive contact hours for purchased modules participants must score 80% or higher on the post test and submit an evaluation as instructed at the end of the course.

Accreditation
The Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) Commission on Accreditation.