This program teaches Registered Nurses to function as competent team members in the perioperative operating room. The theory component of this program can be completed in class or through online delivery, depending on the student's current employment status.

For in-class delivery, the six weeks of theory and skills development are completed at George Brown College. This is followed by an eight-week clinical placement.

For online delivery, the theory and clinical components are delivered concurrently during the semester, which is 14 to 16 weeks long. **Please note:** The student completes their clinical at their current hospital if applicable.

The program is organized into two phases.

**Phase I** consists of theory content and skills development, including:

- current ORNAC standards, principles and application
- surgical anatomy
- intensive study of surgical interventions and surgical technologies, including indications and complications
- role of the circulating nurse
- role of the scrub nurse
- clinical lab skills, completed in a state-of-the-arts Simulation Centre at George Brown College

**Phase II** includes an 8 to 14 week clinical placement (variable based on in-class or online mode of delivery).

A minimum of 3 days per week in an operating room setting will be required in this phase if the online mode is pursued. Learners must have passed all elements of Phase I in order to move to Phase II. Students are exposed to several services (e.g., General Surgery, Urology, Gynecology, Plastics, ENT and Orthopedics). While in the clinical settings, learners will participate in online discussions, live video conferences and submit assignments through an online learning management system (Blackboard). Clinical experiences are scheduled in hospital operating rooms both within and outside of the Greater Toronto Area, or settings in which the learner is working.

**Note:** Students must meet all medical and legal requirements for this program outlined on the Pre-Placement Health Form. This may take six to eight weeks. To see those requirements go to georgebrown.ca/preplacement.

Due to the limited number of clinical placements available, this program has a limited number of seats open to applicants lacking specific clinical experience.

To discuss this program and the in-class or online mode of delivery, please contact Cheryl Simpkin at 416-415-5000, ext. 2349 or email csimpkin@georgebrown.ca before applying.

### PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

Each George Brown College certificate, diploma, advanced diploma and graduate certificate program is expected to deliver specific program learning outcomes. Program learning outcomes are statements that describe the knowledge and skills that students are expected to demonstrate by the end of their program of study. Programs are designed to deliver both vocation or discipline-specific learning outcomes and more generic essential employability skills (including communication, numeracy, critical thinking and problem solving, information management, interpersonal and personal skills).

In addition to the aforementioned learning outcome requirements, College programs are required to provide students with exposure to a breadth of learning beyond their vocational field, to increase their awareness of the society and culture in which they live and work. This breadth requirement is addressed through additional mandatory General Education courses in the program curriculum.

To see the relevant program learning outcomes for your specific program of study, please visit georgebrown.ca/programs/learning-standards-and-outcomes

### REQUIRED COURSES

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Note: Due to ongoing program improvements, courses are subject to change without notice.
**FUTURE STUDY OPTIONS**

Students who complete this Post-R.N. certificate program are eligible to submit the Course Curriculum Outline from the year the program was taken. **Students may apply for a transfer credit toward the Post-Diploma B.Sc.N. program at Ryerson University.**

For further information, see georgebrown.ca/transferguide

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- RN, Certificate of Competence, College of Nurses of Ontario without practice restrictions
- BCLS (Heart and Stroke Foundation), HCP Level
- Interview - All applicants are interviewed by telephone or in person.
- Résumé
- Preferably 2 years surgical nursing experience in the hospital setting. No operating room experience necessary.

If taking this program as a non-sponsored student (independent student), students must meet all the mandatory pre-placement health requirements for this program.

This program is open to domestic applicants only.

**COURSE EXEMPTIONS**

College or university credits may qualify you for course exemptions. Please visit georgebrown.ca/transferguide for more information.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

**PRE-PLACEMENT HEALTH FORM**

- Upon confirmation of acceptance into this program, students must meet all the mandatory pre-placement health requirements for the program. It may take up to four months to complete all the requirements.
- All costs, service fees and fines associated with the overall health requirements are the responsibility of the student.
- For further details and to download the mandatory pre-placement health form, go to the pre-placement website at georgebrown.ca/preplacement
- Students must submit proof of a satisfactory medical examination before entering field placement. Students who are unable to provide a clear medical examination result to the college will not be able to start their field placement and therefore will be unable to complete the program.

**POLICE VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK**

- In compliance with the requirements of our placement partners, all students in this program are required to have a police vulnerable sector check completed, and this check must be renewed annually before entering into field or clinical placement.
- The police vulnerable sector check process typically takes two to three months, but under some circumstances can take four to eight months. This is required to protect the clientele of our placement partner agencies, who are considered “vulnerable persons” under the law.
- Students are responsible for ensuring that the police vulnerable sector check covers appropriateness for “individuals being employed and/or volunteering who will be working with vulnerable person(s).”
- Students are required to keep the original copy of their police vulnerable sector check.
- Students who are unable to provide a “clear” police vulnerable sector check may not be able to start their field or clinical placement and therefore may be unable to complete the program. Students who are not eligible to attend their practice placement due to a “not clear” status will jeopardize their progress in the program.
- Failure to meet the requirements for field placement will prevent students from completing the program and/or securing employment.
- The fees for the police record check vary and must be paid by the student. For more information, please visit the Pre-placement website at georgebrown.ca/preplacement

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**LINKS REFERENCE**

1http://www.georgebrown.ca/admissions/how_to_apply/

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