

REGISTERED NURSE - OPERATING ROOM PERIOPERATIVE NURSING (POSTGRADUATE) PROGRAM (S414)

PROGRAM NAME	Registered Nurse – Operating Room Perioperative Nursing	TUITION	\$2,453.00 *
COURSE CODE	S414	ADDITIONAL COST	
SCHOOL	Sally Horsfall Eaton School of Nursing		* Amounts listed are the total of tuition, materials, student service and ancillary fees for one semester of the program starting in Fall 2018. Fees are subject to change for programs starting in Fall 2019 and at later dates.
CENTRE	Health Sciences	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	
LOCATION	Waterfront Campus		Students who successfully complete the program may be eligible for tuition reimbursement through an Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term Care initiative implemented through the RNAO.
DURATION	16 weeks (1 semester)		
FIELD EDUCATION	Clinical Placement		
STARTING MONTH	September, January		
CREDENTIAL	Ontario College Graduate Certificate		
YEAR OF STUDY	2019-2020		
METHOD OF STUDY	FT		
APPLY TO	Ontario Colleges ¹		

This ORNAC-approved (2017) postgraduate program utilizes current perioperative nursing research and strictly adheres to ORNAC Standards of Practice, preparing the Registered Nurse to function at the beginner level as a team member in the perioperative setting. It includes intensive study of relevant anatomy and surgical interventions related to the nursing process and the perioperative patient. Simulation Lab practice consolidates the development of the "scrub" and "circulating" roles.



There are 2 modes of delivery – in-class and online.

In-class: Students should have some registered nursing and surgical nursing experience. Phase 1 is completed at George Brown College where Theory and 75 Simulation Lab hours are completed over six weeks full-time at the Daphne Cockwell Centre for Health Sciences, located at the Waterfront Campus. This is followed by Phase 2, an eight-week full-time clinical placement. **NOTE: There is a plan to convert the program delivery to Hybrid in Fall 2019. Applicants will be notified if this change is implemented.**

Online: Students are Registered Nurses that are new hires sponsored within their own hospital's perioperative setting or have some previous experience within the perioperative area. Phase 1 (the first 12 days) is partially completed at George Brown College. This includes the basic Lab Skills and the foundational Theory component. Test 1 is completed during this time. The remaining Phase 1 and Phase 2 are completed concurrently while the student returns to their own hospital to start their required clinical placement hours.

The program is organized into two phases.

Phase I Nursing 4045 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-art Simulation Centre at George Brown College

Phase II Nursing 4046 includes an 8 to 14 week clinical placement (variable based on in-class or online mode of delivery).

In-class: 8 weeks full-time

Online: A minimum of 3 days per week in an operating room setting will be required. Learners must have passed Test 1 from 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.

PART TIME STUDY OPTIONS

This program is not available on a part-time basis.

PROGRAM STANDARDS AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. Practice in a professional manner, within the legislated, ethical frameworks and exhibit cultural sensitivity in diverse clinical settings.
2. Develop and sustain therapeutic relationships with surgical clients and their families.
3. Communicate effectively with surgical clients, health care team members and others.
4. Participate effectively as a team member to support surgical clients' achievement of their expected outcome.
5. Integrate theory, principles and concepts into competent surgical nursing practice.
6. Complete health assessments in a holistic, comprehensive and analytical manner.
7. Prioritize and organize nursing health care.
8. Implement and evaluate nursing interventions competently.
9. Use a variety of technological tools to support surgical clients' achievement of their expected health outcomes.
10. Apply principles of teaching-learning to promote surgical clients' health and wellness.
11. Practice according to the Standards of Practice of Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada, the College of Nurses of Ontario and The Canadian Nurses' Association.
12. Emphasize sustainable practices minimizing the environmental footprint consistent with the highest standards of practice in the perioperative setting.

REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Course Name
NURS4045	Operating Room Nursing – Theory and Labs
NURS4046	Operating Room Nursing – Practicum

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.
- Resumé
- 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

HOW DO I APPLY TO THE PROGRAM

Please note: Due to the limited number of clinical placements available, this program has a limited number of seats open to applicants lacking specific clinical experience. Please contact nursing@georgebrown.ca for more details before applying.

"The Registered Nurse – Operating Room Perioperative Nursing program provided me with the theory and skills in order to provide safe and effective patient care in a surgical setting. By practicing each new skill in the Simulation Centre, I was able to add on to my skill set and feel confident entering my 8-week clinical placement. We were given the knowledge and hands-on skills required in order to work alongside surgeons, anesthesiologists, RNFAs and other healthcare professionals in a fast-paced environment."

Mathumesa Muhunthan, RN (Graduate 2018, Registered Nurse – Operating Room Perioperative Nursing)



"The combination of in-class theory work and reinforcement in the skills lab creates an atmosphere where all aspiring perioperative nurses can succeed. The Perioperative RN program at George Brown College has had an invaluable impact on my nursing career."

Kwesi Asamoah, RN, BScN (Graduate 2018, Registered Nurse – Operating Room Perioperative Nursing)

"Having the access to apply what you've learned in theory to labs and clinical truly facilitated my learning in the clinical setting. I was able to become more confident in my skills in the Operating Room, which allowed me to become a competent Registered Nurse."

Sabrina Sudhai, RN, BScN (Graduate 2018, Registered Nurse – Operating Room Perioperative Nursing)

CONTACT US

Contact **Chelsea Durocher** at the **George Brown College Sally Horsfall Eaton School of Nursing** at **416-415-5000, ext. 2349** or email Chelsea.Durocher@georgebrown.ca for more information.

For general information about George Brown College, call the Contact Centre at 416-415-2000 (TTY 1-877-515-5559) or long distance 1-800-265-2002.

LINKS REFERENCE

¹<https://collegeapply.ontariocolleges.ca/?collegeCode=GBTC&programCode=S414&lang=en>

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