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

This ORNAC²-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.

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 Centre³ at George Brown College

Phase II Nursing 4046 includes a 9 to 14 week clinical placement (variable based on in-class or online mode of delivery).

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.

There are two modes of hybrid delivery: inclass/hybrid and online hybrid.

In-Class/Hybrid: 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 five weeks full-time at the Daphne Cockwell Centre for Health Sciences, located at the Waterfront Campus. This is followed by Phase 2, a 9-week full-time clinical placement.

Online/Hybrid: 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.

PART TIME STUDY OPTIONS

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

Clinical Placement

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

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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.
- 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.

APPLY TO

Domestic students should apply through Ontario Colleges 4

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.

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

3. https://www.georgebrown.ca/simulation_centre/

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