

Health Careers Perioperative Nursing

Job Titles

- Certified Perioperative Nurse (CNOR)

About the Occupation

These specially trained nurses assess and intervene with clients during the perioperative period, providing comfort measures, ensuring a safe environment and evaluating client outcomes. The perioperative nurse assists various members of the surgical team, including surgeons, anesthesiologists and other surgical personnel. The nurse is involved in every aspect of the surgical procedure, from preparing and maintaining a safe environment and passing instruments, to closely monitoring the client throughout the surgical experience. The perioperative nursing program prepares the nurse to practice independently at a beginning level in the perioperative setting.

Highlights of Waubonsee's Program

- This program, which takes just two semesters to complete, gives RNs the opportunity to specialize and/or advance their careers.

Professional Certification Opportunities

- With an additional 2400 hours or two years of perioperative practice, graduates may be eligible to take the CNOR certification exam through the Certification Board, Perioperative Nursing.

Perioperative Nursing Certificate of Achievement

(464A) major code

This certificate program prepares licensed registered professional nurses (RNs) for employment in perioperative nursing. The program provides the RN with content unique to client care in the perioperative setting, utilizing the nursing process and critical thinking skills. With an additional 2400 hours or minimum two years perioperative practice, the RN may be eligible to take the CNOR certification examination through the Certification Board, Perioperative Nursing. The certificate is offered over two semesters.

Spring Semester

m	SUR	210	Perioperative Nursing Practice +	3
m	SUR	120	Instrumentation and Practices Common to Surgical Procedures +	5
TOTAL				8

Summer Semester

m	SUR	200	Health Problems and Surgical Procedures II +	2
m	SUR	202	Perioperative Externship I +	2
TOTAL				4

PROGRAM TOTAL 12

- m *Major course requires minimum grade of C.*
- + *Program admission required for enrollment.*

Procedure for Entering the Perioperative Nursing Program

The perioperative nursing program is offered over two semesters. Students seeking admission to the perioperative nursing program are required to:

1. Meet with Counseling and Advising (see directory) to establish a schedule for taking program courses.
2. Obtain specific admission information by contacting the Dean for Health and Life Sciences (see directory).
3. Be a registered nurse (RN) currently licensed (or eligible for license) in the state of Illinois, with a minimum of one year full-time experience (or equivalent) in the areas of medical/surgical, emergency or critical care nursing. RNs in these areas with less than one year of full-time experience may still be eligible for entry into the program upon completion of additional course work, and should contact the Dean for Health and Life Sciences for additional information.
4. Complete the special application required for entry into the program, which is available from the division of Health and Life Sciences, Counseling and Advising, or on the Internet at www.waubonsee.edu/prostudents/admission_info.php. Enrollment is limited in the surgical technology (SUR) courses in order to provide the best possible educational experience for students. Students desiring to take courses with the SUR prefix in the spring must make application by August 1.
5. Provide documentation of current American Heart Association BLS for Healthcare Providers (CPR) certification. This certification must remain current for the entire length of the program.

6. Understand that the perioperative nursing application, previous transcripts, and documentation of current Illinois registered nurse (RN) licensure are required for admission to the program. Students are notified via mail approximately four weeks after the application deadline date as to selection status.
7. Follow the program sequence once accepted into the program. The student is expected to follow the program sequence for all SUR courses. For continuation in the perioperative nursing program, a 2.0 or better GPA must be received in each of the major courses. NOTE: SUR courses are offered on a limited basis during the year. Please contact the office of Health and Life Sciences for specific course information.
8. Submit documentation of a physical examination, immunizations, Hepatitis-B series, and 2-step tuberculosis (TB) test upon acceptance into the program.

Program Costs

In addition to tuition and regular fees, the perioperative nursing student has the following minimum fees and expenses:

Textbooks	\$160
White shoes, lab coat, patch	\$75
Supplies	\$20
Physical exam, immunizations, Hepatitis-B series, TB testing	per health care provider

Total Estimated Costs

(excluding medical requirements)\$255

NOTE: These fees and expenses are *approximate costs* and are subject to change without prior notice to the student.