

Introduction to Specialty Practice Perioperative

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This program enables nursing staff to grow, develop and succeed through enhancing their practice in the specialty or Perioperative Nursing.

Eligibility

This is an introductory program for new or existing enrolled and registered nurses who would like to work in the perioperative environment. They will have no, or minimal experience in the perioperative area; providing the opportunity to develop their knowledge and confidence, and gain the skills of a perioperative nurse.

Applicants must be:

- > Working as an RNs or EN with minimum 12 months recent acute care experience
- > New to the peri-operative environment
- > Novice RN in scrub/scout, anaesthetic or PACU stream
- > Novice EN in scrub/scout or anaesthetics stream.
- > Must apply to the 'Introduction to Specialty Practice' employment opportunities advertised.

Duration

- > Permanent contract, minimum 0.6 EFT to full time, site dependent.
- > 12-month program incorporating a supported educational program

Venue

Epworth Richmond, Epworth Geelong, Epworth Eastern, Epworth Freemasons



Learning content

Some of the educational topics that will be covered, depending on your chosen specialty, are:

- > Attain a basic level of competency to work safely and effectively in the perioperative environment
- > Understand the relevance of ACPAN, ACORN/ANZCA standards
- > Knowledge of specific legal and ethical issues pertaining to the perioperative environment
- > Care and use of surgical instrumentation and equipment
- > Demonstration of scrubbing, gowning, gloving
- > Aseptic technique and maintenance of sterile field
- > Principles of anaesthesia
- > Anaesthetic drugs and volatile agents
- > Airway management
- > Patient assessment
- > Recognise and response to clinical deterioration and theatre emergencies

Volume of learning

- > Face to face introductory block
- > Online Self-Directed Learning
- > Workshops
- > Workplace competency assessments
- > Formative and summative appraisals

Pre-requisite learning

Pre reading material will be provided specific to either scrub/scout or anaesthetics/PACU.

Supernumerary time

Participants will be provided supported by educators, and be allocated a preceptor or mentor. Supernumerary time will be dependent on the chosen specialty.

Pathway to further study

Those who successfully complete this program, followed by a consolidation year in theatre, may be eligible to proceed with further studies. Epworth supports and assists staff to complete post graduate studies; and staff may be eligible for scholarships through the Epworth Medical Foundation.