

Perioperative Nursing

The Course

As surgical care evolves, so does the role of the registered nurse who assists with patient care in the operating room. Prairie State College's (PSC) Post-graduate Perioperative Nursing course prepares the currently practicing registered nurse to work in the operating room in both a scrub and circulating role.

Perioperative nurses are registered nurses who work in hospital surgical departments, day-surgery units, clinics, and physician's offices. They work closely with the surgical patient, family members, and other healthcare professionals to help plan, implement, and evaluate treatment.

Degrees and Certificates

- Perioperative Nursing—Five hours of course credit and certificate upon completion
- Non-credit option is also available

Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, overall job opportunities for registered nurses are excellent. A career in perioperative nursing offers the opportunity to acquire professional, technical, and practical problem-solving skills. With additional education and experience, perioperative nurses can function as operating room directors, manage budgets, staffing, and other business aspects of the operating room.

About the Curriculum

The course combines didactic, lab, and hands-on clinical experience in area hospitals. Among the topics covered are instrumentation, documentation, legal responsibilities, and management of general and gynecological cases. Students learn in a state-of-the-art surgical lab enabling them to practice under the direct supervision of experienced faculty members who have many years of hands-on surgical experience. The course runs 16-weeks to ensure the student develops strong entry-level skills in this specialty area. The course is held during the late afternoon and evening to accommodate the working professional. Upon successful completion, the student will earn five hours of college credit and receive a certificate.



For More Information

Contact Sue Bugajsky, B.S., PA, RN, coordinator of surgical and perioperative nursing, at (708) 709-3780, or e-mail sbugajsky@prairiestate.edu.

Reasons to Attend

Prairie State College

- Fully accredited
- Credits that transfer
- Small classes
- Great career programs
- Dedicated professors
- Convenient scheduling
- Free tutoring and open computer labs

Admissions

PSC offers open admission that encourages diversity and admits all high school graduates or the equivalent.

Here's how to start your college career at PSC:

- Provide a high school diploma or GED.
- Take the COMPASS Placement Test or submit a copy of ACT scores.
- Meet with an advisor from Counseling and Advising to select courses. For questions, contact an academic advisor at (708) 709-3506.



Financial Aid Information

PSC's tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available through a variety of sources. Additional information at prairiestate.edu/finaid.

How to Apply

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The school code for PSC is 001640. Apply online at fafsa.gov.

2. Notification from Department of Education

If you listed PSC's school code in your FAFSA, the college's Financial Aid Office will receive your report in approximately 14 days.

3. Notification from PSC

Once PSC receives your FAFSA from the Dept. of Education, a letter is mailed to the student indicating needed documents. Students are required to complete the PSC financial aid application.

4. Determination Letter

Once all documents are completed, an award or ineligible letter is issued.

PSC Financial Aid Opportunities:

- PSC Board of Trustees Scholarships cover tuition and fees for two years.
- The PSC Foundation awards more than \$75,000 in scholarships annually.

For more information about how to obtain financial aid, call (708) 709-3562 or e-mail Alice Garcia at agarcia@prairiestate.edu.

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