

Common Course Outline

NURN 211

Introduction to Perioperative Nursing

2 Credit Hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

NURN 211-2 credits -Introduction to Perioperative Nursing- explores the role of the registered nurse who provides patient care in the operating room. Specialized duties of the scrub nurse and circulating nurse will be presented in the classroom, lab, and operating room setting. The course is designed to increase knowledge and interest in operating room nursing for students in a registered nursing program.

2 credits; 15 lecture hours; 45 laboratory/clinical hours.

Prerequisite: NURN 210

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. explain the nursing process as it applies to the care of the surgical patient;
2. describe the preparation, roles and responsibilities of key members of the surgical team;
3. describe the surgical environment, including furnishings, equipment, and safety requirements;
4. demonstrate principles of aseptic technique by creating the sterile field;
5. list the names of instruments commonly used during surgery;
6. demonstrate the essential skills required to scrub, gown, and glove;
7. explain the various patient positions used during surgery;
8. differentiate between the responsibilities of the circulating nurse and the scrub nurse;
9. explain key ethical/legal responsibilities of perioperative nursing; and
10. analyze the nurse's role in pre and post operative patient/family education.

Major Topics

- I. Perioperative overview
 - A. The nursing process
 - B. Roles and responsibilities of the surgical team
- II. The surgical environment
 - A. Principles of aseptic technique
 - B. Instruments commonly used during surgery
 1. Cutting: scalpels, scissors, chisels, roguers
 2. Grasping instruments: tissue forceps
 3. Clamps: Hemostat, Kelly, mosquito, peon, right angle
 4. Retractors

5. Minimally invasive surgical instruments
- C. Scrubbing, gowning and gloving.
 1. Purpose and preparation for the surgical hand scrub
 2. Methods of performing the surgical hand scrub
 3. Personal Protective Equipment
 4. Nails and artificial nails
 5. Maintaining sterility while gowned.
 6. Removing gown and gloves safely
- III. Perioperative Registered Nursing Responsibilities
 - A. Patient positioning
 - B. Circulating
 - C. Legal aspects and documenting
 - D. Perioperative care plans
 - E. Patient-family education

Course Requirements

Grading for this course will be Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory.

Grading/exams:

Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

A minimum of two exams

Clinical Evaluation:

Each student must have an overall satisfactory grade on the course clinical evaluation tool (CET).

Other Course Information

This course is an elective nursing course.

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