

# Unit Outline (Higher Education)

<b>Institute / School:</b>	Institute of Health and Wellbeing
<b>Unit Title:</b>	PERIOPERATIVE NURSING PRACTICE
<b>Unit ID:</b>	HEALO6402
<b>Credit Points:</b>	15.00
<b>Prerequisite(s):</b>	(HEALO6401 and HEALT6003)
<b>Co-requisite(s):</b>	Nil
<b>Exclusion(s):</b>	Nil
<b>ASCED:</b>	060309

## Description of the Unit:

This unit explores the applied role of the advanced clinical nurse in perioperative settings. Through this unit students engage in the application of advanced level clinical reasoning in pre, intra and post-operative clinical contexts across the lifespan. This unit focuses on the global, national and local quality and safety standards that provide the guiding principles of quality care. An inquiry-based learning framework contextualised through clinical experience will enable students to critically analyse and apply evidence based clinical reasoning within the perioperative setting for the safe and effective care of the patient experiencing surgical intervention

**Grade Scheme:** Graded (HD, D, C, P, MF, F, XF)

## Work Experience:

Not wholly work experience: Student is not undertaking work experience in industry or student is undertaking work experience in industry where learning and performance is directed by the provider.

**Placement Component:** No

**Supplementary Assessment:** Yes

Where supplementary assessment is available a student must have failed overall in the Unit but gained a final mark of 45 per cent or above, has completed all major assessment tasks (including all sub-components where a task has multiple parts) as specified in the Unit Description and is not eligible for any other form of supplementary assessment

**Course Level:**

Level of Unit in Course	AQF Level of Course					
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Introductory	■	■	■	■	■	■
Intermediate	■	■	■	■	■	■
Advanced	■	■	■	✓	■	■

### Learning Outcomes:

#### Knowledge:

- K1.** Describe the advanced assessment of the surgical patient using a systematic approach and explore the planning and management based on assessment findings
- K2.** Critically analyse current literature and nursing practice to provide evidence based contemporary care for patients in the perioperative environment
- K3.** Identify sources of harm to both caregivers and patients in the Operating Suite & implement strategies to prevent adverse events

#### Skills:

- S1.** Demonstrate the development of fundamental technical (clinical) skills as well as non-technical skills relevant to the perioperative clinical setting
- S2.** Perform the required clinical skills, including assessment, therapeutic monitoring, analysis and evaluation of the surgical patient
- S3.** Demonstrate the prioritisation of management for a patient in the pre-operative, intraoperative and post-operative phases of surgery

#### Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Evaluate and apply the Australian College of Perioperative Nurses (ACORN) Standards for Perioperative Nursing and ACORN Competencies, the National Safety & Quality in Health Care Standards and NMBA professional standards within the perioperative setting
- A2.** Apply concepts of patient management within complex surgical specialties during the perioperative continuum

#### Unit Content:

ACORN Standards for Perioperative Nursing in Australia (2020), National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards (2017-2019), Registered Nurse Standards for Practice (2016) and International Council of Nurses Code of Ethics for Nurses (2012) have substantially informed the syllabus/content of this unit.

Topics may include:

- Assessment and management through the pre, intra and post-operative experience for patients across the lifespan
- Care of the patient receiving anaesthesia, adjunct therapies and/or pain management therapies
- The Australian College of Perioperative Nurses (ACORN) Standards for Perioperative Nursing
- Implementation of surgical safety through appropriate environmental planning and preparation for surgery to reduce infection
- Surgical wound assessment and management
- Advanced inter and intra disciplinary communication
- Nursing leadership in the perioperative environment

**Learning Task and Assessment:**

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1, K2, K3, S1, S2, S3, A1	Exploration and critical analysis of a contemporary issue for perioperative nursing practice.	Poster and/or video	40-60%
K1, K2, K3, S1, S2, S3, A1	Assessment of theoretical knowledge and skills related to the nursing care of a patient in the perioperative setting.	Case study/Report	40-60%
K1, K2, K3, S1, S2, S3, A1, A2	Ability to apply advanced level evidence-based theoretical knowledge, and skills and clinical reasoning in a perioperative setting.	Clinical Assessment and Clinical Practice Portfolio	S/N

**Adopted Reference Style:**

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