
NURSING SPECIAL

NSP 2090, Registered Nurse First Assistant Theory Registered Nurse First Assistant Theory

3 hrs., 3 crs.,

(Offered fall, spring, and summer). Prerequisite: Proof of current RN licensure or CNOR certification. Designed to prepare registered nurses in the practice of first assisting. Course includes instruction in preoperative management, intraoperative assisting, and postoperative management. Preop management includes but is not limited to the preop assessment, resolution of discrepancies, communicating/collaborating regarding the plan of care, positioning for optimal exposure, the time out verification, and documentation. Intraop first assisting includes but is not limited to synthesizing patient data to detect/prevent potential adverse events, surgical procedures, anticipation, minimizing procedure length, using instruments/devices safely, providing exposure, handling/cutting tissue, providing hemostasis, preventing contamination, preventing foreign body retention, and suturing. Postop management includes but is not limited to documentation of plan of care/postoperative orders/operative notes, postop rounds, assessing patient, and assisting with discharge planning/community resources.

NSP 2090L, Registered Nurse First Assistant Theory Lab and Clinical Registered Nurse First Assistant Theory Lab and Clinical

3 hrs., 3 crs.,

\$398.00 lab fee. (Offered fall and spring). Prerequisite: NSP2090. This course is designed to provide lab and clinical experience to the registered nurse regarding the expanded functions unique to the RNFA First Assisting intern. This course includes a study of common surgical procedures including but not limited to anatomy and physiology, pathophysiology, sequence of procedure, assisting behaviors, operative technique, and potential complications for the procedure. In addition, course content shall emphasize preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative patient management in collaboration with other health care providers. Includes, but is not limited to performing focused preoperative nursing assessments, communicating and collaborating with other healthcare providers the plan of care, validated documentation of intraoperative experiences, and postoperative patient management such as participating in postoperative rounds and assisting with discharge planning including the identification of appropriate community resources.

NSP 2290, Perioperative Nursing Theory Perioperative Nursing Theory

3 hrs., 3 crs.,

(Offered fall, spring, and summer). Prerequisite or Corequisite: ENC1101, PSY2012, humanities elective. This course is designed to introduce the registered nurse or nursing student to perioperative nursing with a focus on the interoperative component. This course includes an introduction to surgical technique. There is an additional cooperative clinical/lab component that is available under cooperative education for hands on experience in the surgical setting.

NSP 2290L, Clinical Internship in Perioperative Nursing Clinical Internship in Perioperative Nursing

12.5 hrs., 3 crs.,

(Offered summer). This course is designed to introduce the individual to perioperative surgical nursing with a focus on intraoperative nursing. This course includes a study of the patient's perioperative experience, roles and responsibilities of the registered nurse; principles and practice of sterile technique; sterilization and disinfection; operating room hazards; and an introduction to surgical technique.
