

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 RN 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.

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

Applications

Expressions of Interest (EOI) will be advertised in January and May each year.

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 prioritised for targeted scholarships through the Epworth Medical Foundation.

RN year 2 with recent acute care experience

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