



LPN PERIOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Delivered by and in collaboration with RNPDC and the Nova Scotia Community College Waterfront Campus / Online Learning

START DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2011

END DATE: APRIL 13, 2012

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

LPN Perioperative is a full-time, post-graduate program. It provides Licensed Practical Nurses with the specialized knowledge and skill development needed to work in an operating room, ambulatory surgery centre, free-standing clinic or other perioperative settings.

You will receive education in:

- applying the nursing process to perioperative nursing
- the principles and practice of aseptic technique
- basic technical skills for surgical procedures
- legal and ethical issues
- the interpersonal aspects of perioperative nursing

LPNs enrolled in the program will have the opportunity to develop competencies required to work in operating rooms in acute care facilities.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

The LPN Perioperative Program is scheduled for 20 weeks including 8 weeks of clinical placements. This program is a self directed approach to learning in combination with face to face skill labs and clinical. This program is most appropriate for an independent learner with exceptional time management skills.

Learners taking this program should expect to spend approximately 40 hours per week on program content / labs / clinical practice.

THEORY AND LAB

The theory is delivered through a blended approach to learning. Learners participate in face-to-face labs which allow the learners to observe demonstrations, opportunities to practice and to demonstrate their learning to the faculty.

CLINICAL

Each learner is required to have a preceptored, faculty-supported clinical experience in a general surgery environment where theory learned can be reinforced through practice. The learner progresses from simple to more complex surgeries with constructive feedback provided.

PROGRAM LISTING

- Foundations of Perioperative Practice for LPNs
- Perioperative LPNs Role during Surgical Procedures
- Perioperative LPNs Role in Surgical Specialties
- Perioperative LPNs Role during Anesthesia
- Periop Nursing Skill for LPNs
- Clinical I and II

Students will also be required to complete a portfolio.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Once a student is admitted to the program, s/he will need to complete the following requirements. Additional information regarding these requirements will be sent to the student upon acceptance to the program.

- WHMIS
- OH&S
- Standard First Aid and CPR Level C
- Immunizations
- Criminal Record Check

PROGRAM COSTS

- Tuition \$6450 including lab fees
- Student Health and Dental Benefits Plan \$226
- Textbooks \$350 (approximately)

It is also recommended students budget an appropriate amount to cover the cost of traveling to Halifax for in class and lab sessions at the Bethune Building and other additional costs of \$330 (approximately) for immunizations, Standard First Aid/CPR C and their criminal record check.

PAYMENT

Once you are admitted, you are required to pay a non-refundable confirmation fee within the timeframe indicated on your letter of offer. This fee is applied against your tuition, and confirms your intention to enroll in the program. If you fail to pay the confirmation fee within the required timeframe, you risk losing your seat in the program. The amount of your confirmation fee is \$100.

This fee is forfeited if you decide not to attend NSCC after you have confirmed, and cannot be held on your student account for future use.

Payment is due in full on or before **October 17, 2011**.

REFUND POLICY

- Before first day of class – full refund, less confirmation fee paid
- During first two weeks of the program – 95% of semester amount, less confirmation fee paid
- After second week of the program – no refund

SPONSORED STUDENTS

Upon admission into the program a sponsorship form will be sent to the student. This form needs to be completed by the sponsor and returned no later than October 17, 2011.

Typically sponsorship includes tuition, full time salary for 20 weeks, and textbooks. However, this is facility specific.

PREREQUISITES

The applicant must have an active practicing license with the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia.

A letter of recommendation from the supporting clinical agency is required, stating that the applicant is eligible to participate in the clinical component at their organization.

An existing level of computer competence is expected in order to support student success in the program. Access to a computer is required.

It is recommended the LPN has completed a Pharmacology / Administration of Medications course and a Health Assessment course prior to taking the LPN Perioperative Program.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send a completed NSCC application form¹, a copy of your current LPN Licence, a letter of recommendation and your \$25 application fee to:

NSCC Admissions
PO Box 220
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2M4
Tel: (902) 491-4911 (in metro)
1-866-679-6722 (toll-free)

Deadline for Applications: July 22, 2011

¹ Note: At this time you are not able to apply for this program on-line; you do not need to submit transcripts or portfolios with your application form.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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