

Principles of Perioperative Nursing – Post Anaesthetic Care

GCAR700

<i>Credits</i>	10	<i>Level</i>	7
<i>EFTS</i>	0.0833	<i>Grade Scale</i>	G29aa
<i>Notional Learning Hours</i>	100	<i>Work Integrated Learning</i>	0
<i>Effective from</i>	February 2019	<i>Date of this version</i>	September 2018
<i>Course information</i>	<p>Students must be a Registered Nurse and hold a current Practising Certificate issued by the Nursing Council of New Zealand.</p> <p>Students must also be employed as a perioperative nurse/PACU nurse in order to be able to complete the learning outcomes of this course.</p>		

Aim

To enable Registered Nurses to extend their knowledge, skills and practice relating to post anaesthetic care.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this course, within the context of post anaesthetic care nursing, the Registered Nurse will be able to:

1. apply an understanding of physiology and physiological responses and their impact on the patient post anaesthetic.
2. evaluate principles of post anaesthetic care nursing relating to patient safety.
3. analyse and evaluate the role of the nurse during the patient's anaesthetic and post anaesthetic period.
4. apply an understanding of applied pharmacology related to post anaesthetic care.
5. discuss nursing management issues surrounding potential complications during the post anaesthetic phase.
6. practise safely using specialty equipment and/or procedures.
7. critically evaluate literature and evidence regarding best practice in post anaesthetic care nursing.

Indicative curriculum

- Physiological responses post anaesthesia
- Homeostatic challenges for surgical patients
- Nursing assessment – data interpretation and clinical decision making
- Fitness for anaesthesia
- Management of specific patient groups – post anaesthetic recovery challenges: Including but not limited to: older adults, obstetrics and paediatric
- Complications related to anaesthesia and surgical intervention
- Principles and priorities in PACU nursing

- Pharmacological intervention
- Pain management

Learning Activities

Online course delivery, clinical practice, self-directed learning.

Assessment

<i>Assessment</i>	<i>Assessment Method and Context</i>	<i>Pass Criteria</i>	<i>Weighting</i>	<i>Learning outcome assessed</i>
1	Clinical skills portfolio	P	-	6
2	Participation in online discussion forums and activities	50%	20%	2, 4, 5 & 7
3	Assignment	50%	80%	1-5 & 7

Recommended Texts and Resources

Any of these:

Odom-Forren, J. (2017). Drain's Peri-Anesthesia Nursing: A critical care approach. (7th Ed). USA: Elsevier

Hatfield, A. (2014). The complete recovery room book (5th Ed.). Oxford, England: Oxford University Press.