

Guidelines for the BCIT Preceptorship 2 Student in the OR

The student is at the final level of the BCIT Nursing program, and has successfully completed NSPO 7100 and NSPO 7250. As such the student can practice under the direction of an RN, any of the nursing skills for which they have received education during their clinical placements. These generally include the skills that would be performed on the non-specialty units. The student will require guidance and/or supervision when performing a new skill but may become independent with practice.

For a detailed list please see the Clinical Techniques: Skills List on the BCIT Guide for BSN Preceptors web site <http://www.bcit.ca/health/bsnpreceptors/> under the section Links and Resources.

The purpose of the Preceptorship 2 experience in the perioperative setting is to assist the student in applying and integrating nursing knowledge to develop beginning competency in the scrub role for individuals of all ages preparing for and undergoing common less complex surgeries under various types of anaesthetics.

Under supervision and in collaboration with the OR nurse, the student will:

- learn about and applying the concept of caring with this specialized patient population
- implement a systematic framework for beginning practice
- apply the key concepts of safety, surgical conscience and aseptic technique to patient care in the scrub role
- incorporate relevant theory, including current ORNAC Standards, to guide care as a beginning scrub nurse
- use beginning clinical decision-making processes in the intraoperative phase of perioperative care
- develop beginning scrub skills with preceptor guidance and supervision, including:
 - assisting in the set up and monitoring of the sterile environment
 - performing surgical counts . **A registered nurse must co-sign all documentation.**
 - using correct aseptic technique and a surgical conscience to guide practice and address breaks in technique
 - anticipating needs of the surgical team
 - demonstrate knowledge of commonly used basic instrumentation and equipment
 - use appropriate risk management strategies (double glove; neutral zone/ no touch technique for sharps management; safe use of surgical technology; use of radiologic protection equipment; participation in Surgical Safety Checklist; etc.)
 - anticipate needs of the surgical team
 - assist in identification and processing of surgical specimens
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Students have not been theoretically prepared for the following patient care activities related to direct patient care; ***therefore they must not take on these activities independently***. However, they may observe and participate with the direct guidance and supervision of their preceptor for non-complex, stable patients undergoing routine surgery.

- Perioperative patient assessment and check in
- Admission of the patient to the OR suite
- Application of monitors
- Assistance during anesthetic induction, maintenance and emergence
- Patient positioning and skin preparation
- Management of surgical equipment
- Transfer to PACU

Note:

- ***A student nurse must not independently scrub for a patient undergoing Caesarian section without the direct support of a scrubbed preceptor; i.e. the preceptor must scrub with the student.***
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Please refer to the BCIT Nursing (3 year) Program Student Guidelines, Policies and Procedures on the BCIT Guide for BSN Preceptors web site <http://www.bcit.ca/health/bsnpreceptors/> under Links and Resources for detailed policy information. Remember always follow the most restrictive policy whether it be your agency or BCIT. If in doubt please contact the BCIT BSN Instructor.

Thank you,

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