

**GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE**  
**Department of Nursing Education and Health Studies**  
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**OR4040 10(3-0-31) 340 hours 10 weeks**  
**Perioperative Nursing and Surgical Intervention**

**January 12, 2009 – March 27, 2009**  
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**M, T, W, TH, F**

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*Site Varies*

**1. Course Description:**

This course provides the opportunity for students to apply the knowledge gained in previous theory and lab courses in the clinical setting. Emphasis is placed on providing perioperative nursing care to patients undergoing surgical interventions in general surgery, gynecology, and orthopedics.

Students will have limited exposure to the care of patients in post anesthesia recovery room. The intent is that students will spend three weeks in general surgery and three weeks in gynecological surgery, two weeks in orthopedic surgery, and the remaining two weeks in additional learning experiences which will include all of the following (a) post anesthetic recovery room, (b) E.E.N.T. (c) anesthesia (d) pediatrics (e) surgical specialty area of student's choice (f) central/sterile processing department

**2. Pre-requisite:**

Prior to beginning this course, you will have successfully completed OR 4010, OR4020, and OR4030.

**3. The course in perspective:**

OR 4040 consists of one module and a 310 hour clinical practicum offered in designated operating rooms. The practicum will be supervised by a qualified instructor and preceptors. Emphasis is placed on providing perioperative nursing care to patients undergoing surgical interventions in general, gynecological, orthopedic, and endoscopic surgery. The clinical practicum will be divided as follows:

- General Surgery and Gynecological Surgery - Three weeks each
- Orthopedic Surgery - Two weeks
- PARR, EENT, Anaesthesia, Pediatrics, and area of students choice - Two weeks

#### **4. Resource Requirements:**

- Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada. (2007). *ORNAC. Recommended Standards, Guidelines, and Position Statements for Perioperative Registered Nursing Practice*. Toronto: Author.
- Phillips, N. (2007). *Berry and Kohn's operating room technique*. (11<sup>th</sup> ed.). St. Louis: Mosby.
- Rothrock, J (2007). *Alexander's care of the patient in surgery*. (13<sup>th</sup> ed.). St. Louis: Mosby.
- Tighe, S.M. (2007). *Instrumentation for the operating room a photographic manual*. (7<sup>th</sup> ed.). St. Louis: Mosby.

#### **5. Grading:**

This course will include both an academic and a clinical grade. A nursing care plan assignment and a weekly journal will provide the academic grade worth 50% of the total grade. The instructor and clinical preceptor will evaluate each practicum using a clinical evaluation form. This practical experience is worth the remaining 50% of the total grade. The student must successfully pass both the academic and practicum components of the course to receive credit for OR4040.

**(Alpha Grading System used as per GPRC calendar 2008-2009)**