

PERIOPERATIVE NURSING

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Dear Registered Nurse:

Welcome to the GateWay Community College **Perioperative Nursing** Program. As a registered nurse, this program will allow you to gain skill and understanding about how to provide quality care to the patient in Pre-op Holding, the Operating Room, and the Post Anesthesia Care Unit.

The foundation of this program is a hybrid format, which gives the student the flexibility to complete their coursework from home. The online course work is supplemented with an on campus O.R. lab experience. This program covers instrumentation, medications, aseptic technique, surgical prep procedures (scrubbing, gowning, gloving, prepping, and draping), and opening surgical suites. The student will also learn the various types of surgical procedures, how to integrate into the surgical team, how to care for specialty populations, and much more.

Whether you are new, returning, or currently working in this field, completion of this program will allow you to become familiar and have a working knowledge of perioperative nursing. Get started today by contacting a healthcare academic advisor at 602.286.8183 or 602.286.8176.

Thank you for your interest in the GateWay Community College Perioperative Nursing Program. We look forward to seeing you in class.

Sincerely,

Susan Wallen

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CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the enclosed program material, please feel free to contact any of the following program contacts:

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CAREER DESCRIPTION

In this challenging occupation, you will specialize in patient care during the preoperative, intra-operative and postoperative phases of surgery.

Perioperative Nurses have a lot of responsibility. You may provide pre- and post operative teaching to patients and their families. Some of your intra operative duties may include patient assessment, identifying desired patient outcomes and evaluating patient care. To provide a safe environment, perioperative nurses need to have a broad knowledge of surgical anatomy, physiological alterations and risk factors.

You will have the opportunity to use your skills and knowledge of surgical procedures, instruments, suture, aseptic techniques and equipment in caring for patients. Your responsibilities will also encompass circulating, scrubbing and assisting during the patient's surgical intervention.

Perioperative Nurses are employed in either the inpatient or outpatient surgical departments of hospitals or surgicenters.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Employment of Perioperative Nurses is increasing with the demand for more healthcare. In Arizona, perioperative nursing positions are expected to increase 20% or more in the next 10 years.

Perioperative Nurses earn an hourly range of \$19.28 to \$39.96 for an annual salary range of \$40,250 to \$83,440.

HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

A negative urine drug screen, two TB skin tests, a fingerprint clearance card and an updated immunization record is required prior to clinical placement. The cost for these tests will be the responsibility of the student. If the drug test is positive for illegal drugs, the student will be dropped from the program. For consideration for readmission to the program, contact the Program Director for the process.

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS

The estimated cost for the program is outlined in the chart below. The student is responsible for providing transportation, housing, and uniforms. In the last semester, the student will be responsible for costs of his/her national board exam and state licensing.

Tuition* (11 credit hrs @ \$71 a credit hr)*	\$ 781.00
Registration Fees (per semester)	15.00
Course Fees	175.00
Books and Supplies **	355.00
DPS Fingerprint Clearance Card Process.....	95.00
Drug Testing	45.00
Clinical Health Requirements - Immunization and Testing#	330.00
Total Estimated Costs	\$ 1,796.00

*Tuition and fees are set by the Maricopa Community College District Governing Board and subject to change. All other fees are also subject to change. All Tuition and fees are the responsibility of the student

** Book cost may change without notice

Costs may be less or more than listed based on a student's individual health record in respect to being in compliance with the immunization requirements for the clinical experience.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Students must make formal application to the program and meet the following criteria to be admitted to the program:

1. Current Arizona Registered Nurse (R.N.) license
2. Current Healthcare Provider CPR card
3. Current Arizona DPS Fingerprint Clearance card

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Students with other related health care experiences, not listed on the following Program Prerequisites options, may request an evaluation for course competency equivalence through the Integrated Competency Assessment Network (ICAN) by calling 480.731.8924.

Course Prefix	Course Name	Credits
PON210	PeriOperative Principles I	3.0
PON212	PeriOperative Principles II	3.0
PON214	PeriOperative Laboratory	1.0
PON220	PeriOperative Clinical Experience	4.0
	Total Credit Hours	11.0

Please see the college catalog for full description of program requirements.

GET STARTED

STEP 1: APPLY FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

- Go to the [MEID Account Wizard](#).
- Create an account.
- Follow the instructions to create a user ID & password. Keep this information to login to your account in the future.
- Login to MyMaricopa.edu at <http://my.maricopa.edu/student-center/index.php> using your new MEID & password to view class schedules, enrollment status, student resources and much more.

Please Note: [Help](#) is available upon request.

STEP 2: ASSESSMENT TESTING (IF APPLICABLE)

If you are planning to enroll in an English, Math or Reading course, you may be required to take Placement Tests at GateWay Central's [Testing Center](#), located in the [SO South Building](#) of campus. Test scores are used to decide which courses to take. Here is what you need to know before you go:

- Tests are free of charge.
- Separate tests for English, Math and Reading may be required.
- Testing times vary depending upon the user's pace.
- On average, each test takes approximately 25 minutes.
- Photo ID and Student ID number required.
- Walk-in appointments are accepted with a Student ID.
- Students may also contact a program advisor, faculty member or counselor to make an appointment.

The Testing Center's hours of operation are:

- Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (testing stops at 5:00 p.m.)
- Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (testing stops at 3:00 p.m.)

STEP 3: REVIEW PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Each of our Health Science programs has unique requirements. We strongly encourage you to review the program packets and the current [Catalog](#) for any specialties that you might consider. These resources will provide you with detailed program information regarding prerequisite courses and application procedures.

STEP 4: MEET WITH A HEALTH SCIENCE ADVISOR

We strongly encourage all new students to contact a Health Sciences Academic Advisor before your classes begin. The mission of our advisement team is to provide services that enhance student development & success, including:

- Exploration of educational & life goals
- Selection of academic/occupational programs
- Selection of sequencing of courses
- University transfer options
- General information on campus resources & classes

The Health Sciences Academic Advisors are available by phone, email, or in person at the CHCE Center for Health Careers Education Building on the north side of campus during the following business hours (no appointment necessary):

Monday - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. & Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Health Science Academic Advisors: 602.286.8183 or 602.286.8176.

Before you meet with an advisor, we recommend you check out the current Catalog to learn more about the programs that interest you. Let your advisor know if you have any questions or concerns.

If you have taken a class for college credit and you are interested in transferring credits to GateWay, you may better prepare for your meeting if you bring a copy of your transcripts to review with your advisor and then:

- a. Request **ALL** official college transcripts be sent to the Admissions and Records Office.

Attn: Admissions & Records

108 N 40th Street

Phoenix, AZ 85034-1704

- b. Official transcripts must be sent from institution to institution, allow 2-4 weeks for receipt. Please request institution to include current name and student ID number used at GateWay Community College.
- c. Evaluations of Official College Transcripts **must be requested** by the student after their arrival at the college. To **verify** receipt of transcripts and evaluation, a **request for transcript evaluation** form must be filled out and submitted to Admissions and Records. This form can be obtained from any GateWay Community College Advisor.

NOTE: 70% of students start as "undecided." Your Advisor can help you choose courses that will apply to most degrees and give you an introduction into your areas of interest.

STEP 5: PROGRAM APPLICATION

Many of GateWay Community College's Health Science programs have a special admissions procedure. The Perioperative Nursing Program information packet contains detailed information regarding this process. Please be sure to review this information to ensure that your application materials are complete and received at the Special Admissions office by the stated deadlines. You will receive notification of your acceptance via e-mail so you will want to keep your information current with GateWay Community Colleges Admissions and Records department.

STEP 6: SELECT YOUR CLASSES & REGISTER

You will find there are many ways you can receive academic, financial, or career assistance to get involved in our community.

- Our intuitive Schedule allows you to find classes by semester, time, & date.
- Go to MyMaricopa.edu at <http://my.maricopa.edu/student-center/index.php>. Pick out the classes you want by logging in using your MEID & password to create your class schedule and register right on line.

You are able to build your schedule each semester before registering for class. E-mail and/or print your schedule to assist you during the registration process.

STEP 7: APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID (If you do not plan to apply for financial aid, skip to Step 8.)

Before you apply for financial aid, you will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Once you submit this form, you can check the status of your financial aid by going to the Student Center and logging in with your MEID & password.

Additional Financial Aid opportunities, Scholarships and grants may be available to you. To find out more, go to GateWay's Financial Aid page or call 602.286.8300.

STEP 8: PAY

Tuition & Fees are due at the time of registration or by the specified due date on your student invoice. The enrollment process is not complete until your tuition & fees are paid in full. The following information has been created to help you find the method of payment that's right for you. Options include:

Online

- Go to the Student Center and login to your account using your MEID & password to pay by credit card or payment plan online.
- Help with the online Student Center is available upon request.

By Phone

- Call 602.286.8100 to make a credit card payment by phone. (Wait time may increase during peak periods of enrollment.)

In Person

- Go to the cashier's office at GateWay Central, located in the SO South Building to pay for classes in full, using cash or credit.
- Picture ID may be required for some student transactions.

STEP 9: BUY YOUR BOOKS

Buy your Books online or on campus.

STEP 10: GO TO CLASS!

Be sure to review your class schedule at the Student Center for class times and building/room location. Print out a copy of our Campus Maps and bring it with you to help navigate through campus & find your classes quickly.

Need Help?

- Contact the Outreach Center for additional information: Email: info@gatewaycc.edu or call 602.286.8000, option 9.

Other

Learn more about Proposition 300.

STUDENT SERVICES

The following are some of the services available to students.

Advising – contact a Health Sciences Academic Advisor at the Center for Health Careers Education (CHCE) at 602.286.8183 or 602.286.8176.

Bookstore – Available are textbooks and supplies for classes, call 602.286.8400. You may visit their website at: www.efollett.com and selecting “College Textbooks”.

Counseling – Academic, personal, or career counseling available. Call 602.286.8900.

Employment – Upon completion of the Health Unit Coordinator Program, contact the Career & Re-Entry Services, at 602.286.8500 for assistance.

Financial Aid – Available for qualified students. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 602.286.8300 or visit website: <http://enroll.gatewaycc.edu/FinancialAid/ApplyForFinancialAid/default.htm>

Student Assessment Center – Services include instructor makeup exams, the English, Math, and Reading ASSET or COMPASS placement tests, and selected instruments required for acceptance into the Health Science or Nursing programs. Call 602.286.8160 for specific days and times tests are available.

Tutoring Assistance – Available through the Learning Center, 602.286.8800.

For a complete listing of student services, please refer to the college catalog, or visit GateWay's website: www.gatewaycc.edu or call college information at 602.286.8000.

POLICIES, RULES, REQUIREMENTS, AND REGULATIONS COMPLIANCE

Policies, courses, programs, fees, and requirements may be suspended, deleted, restricted, supplemented, or changed through action of the Governing Board of the Maricopa Community Colleges.

The Maricopa Community Colleges reserves the right to change, without notice, any materials, information, curriculum, requirements, and regulations.

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Admission or graduation from any Allied Health program at GateWay Community College does not guarantee the student's professional certification, licensure, or employability. The student must comply with legal requirements of the profession. This may include provisions from Arizona Revised Statutes 41-1758.03 (sections B and C) regarding the denial of a fingerprint clearance card or being listed on the US government's Office of Inspector General's Exclusion List.

PREVIOUS COLLEGES OR TECHNICAL SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

NAME OF INSTITUTION _____
CITY AND STATE _____
DATE OF ENTRANCE _____ DATE OF LEAVING _____
DIPLOMA OR DEGREE RECEIVED _____ COLLEGE MAJOR _____

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LIST ALL HEALTH EXPERIENCE RELATED EMPLOYMENT:

STARTING WITH MOST RECENT AND WORKING BACK, LIST EMPLOYERS:

OCCUPATION _____
EMPLOYER _____ FROM _____ TO _____
ADDRESS _____
NAME OF SUPERVISOR _____
REASON FOR LEAVING _____

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