

Vancouver Coastal Health Perioperative Nursing Program is for YOU

At Vancouver Coastal Health, nursing opportunities have no boundaries. You can choose a leading edge teaching and academic centre where advanced technology, best practice and cutting-edge research go hand-in-hand, or, you can choose to practice in a small community where your full range of skills is fully utilized. Caring for the very old, the very young and those in between, VCH teaches near-graduates, new graduates, experienced RNs and even armed forces medical personnel, preparing them for practice as well as for mentoring and educating others.

As one of the largest health authorities in Canada, VCH operates 13 hospitals on Canada's west coast including BC's largest, Vancouver General, and is associated with the University of British Columbia. VCH is also home to the Centre of Excellence of Simulation Education and Innovation (CESEI), a unique facility that promotes education and innovative research using state-of-the-art technology including cardiac simulators and "virtual hospital" settings.

VCH services urban and rural communities including Richmond, Vancouver, North Vancouver, Sechelt, Squamish and Powell River.

If you're looking for the lifestyle that only the west coast can offer, plus a rewarding, creative career, you've found it with Vancouver Coastal Health.

Our innovative program prepares you to work in any operating room. Step into a full-time position at Lions Gate, Richmond Hospital, UBC Hospital or Vancouver General upon successful completion of Perioperative Nursing Program.

This program is recognized by the Operating Room Nurses Association of Canada (ORNAC)



Receive a Perioperative Nursing Specialty Certificate upon completion.

UBC, UVic and BCIT award this program credits towards their BSN/ BTechnology degrees.

What graduates of the program say:

"I found the perioperative program to be the perfect mix of theory and hands-on experience that equipped me with the knowledge and confidence to work in this demanding environment." — Kristi L.

What experienced OR staff say about the graduates:

"The perioperative nursing program at VCH is exceptional in the way it delivers top notch nurses into the operating room environment who are ready to promote and deliver the standard of practice demanded of them in this highly technical area." — Loree T.



Interested in a NURSING CAREER in the OPERATING ROOM?



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Perioperative Nursing at Vancouver Coastal Health



Life in the OR –
this could be
YOU!

PREREQUISITE PROGRAM

- > Online (home) study
- > April to June or October to December

Content:

- 5 perioperative modules. Each module contains an average of 7 topics ranging from Professionalism to Aseptic Technique
- Open book post test at the end of each module

Time Commitment:

- 2 months spending 12 hours per week on home study

Expectations:

- Full participation in all modules
Participation includes:
 - Readings
 - Interactive exercises
 - Discussion board postings
 - Small assignments
 - Post tests
 - Each module must be completed in the time frame allotted
 - Communication available with instructor
- **Passing grade required to continue to full-time program**

FULL TIME PROGRAM

- > 4 clinical days + 1 classroom day per week covering 27 subjects over 5 months
- > All operating room specialties are covered (cardiac surgery observation only)
- > Students will rotate through 4 VCH hospitals to obtain experience with all specialties
- > Midterm and final theory examination
- > Clinical evaluation based on day to day performance, midterm clinical examination and skills checklist

Time Commitment:

- Five months – January to June or July to December
- Five days per week
- Evenings, nights, weekends and stat holidays off
- Midterm break of one week after the first three months

Expectations:

- Preparation for class by reading about specialty to be discussed
- Preparation for clinical assignments by researching surgery and surgeon's preferences



OUR PROGRAM IS UNIQUE

ORNAC Recognized 

Affiliated with the Centre of Excellence for Simulation Education and Innovation.

Secondary, Tertiary and Quaternary levels of surgical services including paediatric, spinal cord, brain, cardiac, trauma, organ transplant and vascular.

Our perioperative training program accepts 4th year nursing students, new grads and experienced nurses.

Surgical rotations through 4 different hospitals to obtain diverse surgical experiences.

Come for the job.
You'll stay for the team.

Offered by Learning & Career Development