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## **Association of periOperative Registered Nurses and Chamberlain College of Nursing Establish Education Collaboration**

*Collaboration encourages perioperative nurses to pursue advanced educational opportunities*

**DENVER AND DOWNERS GROVE, Ill.,— July 31, 2013** — The [Association of periOperative Registered Nurses](#) (AORN) and [Chamberlain College of Nursing](#) announced a new education collaboration that provides AORN members with a special tuition rate for Chamberlain’s post licensure degree programs. AORN is a national nonprofit membership association that represents the interests of perioperative nurses – nurses who work in the surgical suite – by providing nursing education, standards and clinical practice resources.

While the number of perioperative nurses has grown, approximately only a half of all certified perioperative nurses hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree or higher<sup>1</sup>. Chamberlain’s collaboration with AORN expands access to advanced education opportunities and improves their career mobility.

"We strive to be leaders in health care by giving perioperative nurses the resources to elevate their education so they can provide optimal care for their patients," said Susan Bakewell, MS, RN-BC, director of perioperative education for AORN. "Our collaboration with Chamberlain aligns with our vision to establish standards of excellence in the delivery of perioperative nursing care. It is a gateway for AORN nurses to meet rising education standards, advance their careers and provide superior care."

Through this opportunity, AORN members who meet Chamberlain’s admission requirements can now receive a special tuition rate for the following post licensure nursing degree programs and options: RN to BSN option, RN-BSN to Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) option, MSN degree program, Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program and graduate certificate programs\*. Benefits also include a waived application fee and a designated Chamberlain admissions representative who will provide enrollment assistance specifically for AORN members.

"Chamberlain is committed to offering opportunities for lifelong learning," said Dr. W. Richard Cowling, vice president of academic affairs for Chamberlain College of Nursing. "Our education collaboration with AORN will help perioperative nurses become leaders who are responsive to the continuing advances in healthcare."

For more information about Chamberlain’s education program with AORN, visit [chamberlain.edu/healthcarepartners](http://chamberlain.edu/healthcarepartners). For more information about the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, visit [aorn.org](http://aorn.org).

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### **About the Association of perioperative Registered Nurses**

*AORN is a non-profit membership association based in Denver, Colorado that represents the interests of more than 160,000 perioperative nurses by providing nursing education, standards, and clinical practice resources—including the peer-reviewed, monthly publication AORN Journal—to enable optimal outcomes for patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures. AORN’s 42,000 registered nurse members manage, teach, and practice perioperative nursing, are enrolled in nursing education, or are engaged in perioperative research. We define and advance best nursing practices for surgical patients by researching and distributing scientifically based recommendations.*

### **About Chamberlain College of Nursing**

*For over 120 years, Chamberlain College of Nursing has been at the forefront of excellence in nursing education. Chamberlain is increasing access to nursing education nationwide with campuses offering the three-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program and flexible online programs such as the RN to BSN option, Master of Science in Nursing degree program, Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program and Graduate Certificates.*

*Chamberlain College of Nursing is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, [ncahlc.org](http://ncahlc.org). HLC is one of the six regional agencies that accredit*

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*U.S. colleges and universities at the institutional level. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program and the Master of Science in Nursing degree program are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 202.887.6791). The Associate Degree in Nursing program at the Columbus location is accredited with conditions by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, 404.975.5000). Accreditation provides assurance to the public and to prospective students that standards of quality have been met.*

*\*Program availability varies by location. Chamberlain reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. Information is current at the time of posting. For the most updated accreditation information, visit [chamberlain.edu/accreditation](http://chamberlain.edu/accreditation). Comprehensive consumer information is available at [chamberlain.edu/studentconsumerinfo](http://chamberlain.edu/studentconsumerinfo).*

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AORN Annual Report 2012 [aorn.org/About\\_AORN/AORN\\_Annual\\_Report.aspx](http://aorn.org/About_AORN/AORN_Annual_Report.aspx)  
Perioperative certification correlates with better care [aorn.org/News.aspx?id=22607](http://aorn.org/News.aspx?id=22607)