Periop 101: A Core Curriculum™ Cesarean Section is a standardized, comprehensive learning program for nurses new to the perioperative setting, providing a solid foundation in evidence-based practices and safe surgical patient care through the continuum. Learners gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed for high-performing teams.

Educate and prepare your OB nurses for surgery

Based on the Guidelines for Perioperative Practice, this course introduces perioperative concepts to the nurse new to the C-Section surgery. The course focuses on lowering infection rates in mothers and their newborns, and other nursing care considerations. All modules have been revised in 2018, and include:

- Anesthesia
- Patient positioning
- Sterile Technique
- Periop Safety: Patient Focus

Periop 101 is easy to put in place. Reading and video resources, module outlines, sample course schedules, skills labs, and nurse assessment checklists are built and ready to use from day one!

Who can benefit?

This course is intended for the novice OR circulator who will be a part of the C-Section team. The standardized course is updated regularly to reflect evolving evidence-based practices and includes:

- 25 online learning modules
- Competencies, study guides, and posttests
- Skills-based labs and a clinical preceptorship focused on care of the obstetrical surgical patient
- Graduate-level QSEN competencies
Standardized education around evidence-based practices

- Periop 101 content is built on AORN's evidence-based Guidelines for Perioperative Practice
- User-friendly, online program available 24/7

Support for Course Administrators

- AORN provides everything you need for successful launch with minimal start-up work
- Two-year access, including student modules, and an Administrator Implementation Guide
- Administrator Resource Center provides many resources and tools, including sample course schedules, skills labs, clinical objectives, competency assessments, and competency verification tools
- Course content updates provided by AORN
- Ongoing support from experienced clinical team leaders who have implemented Periop 101
- Quarterly webinars for the Periop 101 Administrator

Support for Students

- Six-month access to complete the program and final exam
- Complimentary one-year AORN membership
- Student Resource Center with reading and video resources, and final exam study guides
- Video clips demonstrating skills
- Unlimited access to module posttests during course

Contact Hours (CHs):

- 35.6 CHs

Preceptor Certificate Program (includes 3 modules):

Complimentary three-month access for up to 4 preceptors per agreement. The number of preceptor seats depends on the number of student seats purchased (includes 4.0 CHs)

Periop 101 Resources (purchased separately):

- AORN's Guidelines for Perioperative Practice, latest edition
- Alexander's Care of the Patient in Surgery, latest edition* (available in print or online as part of the Facility Reference Center)

*Individuals can purchase required textbooks at a discount as part of the Periop 101 Textbook Package.

Additional Recommended Videos

AORN recommends over 35 video titles to supplement Periop 101. Your facility may purchase them individually or in collections, via online streaming or DVD. Special discounts are available.

Fee Structure & Packaging

A two-year agreement includes rights to use the online courses and access for Periop 101 Administrators to teach all three learning plans (OR; ASC; C-Section). Packages are based on numbers of student seats your facility wishes to purchase or renew. Facilities can also include the AORN Facility Reference Center (digital access to Guidelines and clinical resources).

To learn more, visit aorn.org/p101

“Periop 101 is truly the Gold Standard in educating new nurses.”
Mary, Educator, OR Specialist, CNOR, California

Guidelines for Perioperative Practice are approved by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) National Guideline Clearinghouse, and are referenced by state health organizations and other accreditation and regulatory bodies in annual surveys.