Periop 101: A Core Curriculum ASC is a standardized, comprehensive education program that provides a solid foundation in evidence-based practices and safe surgical patient care for nurses new to perioperative practice – or the ambulatory setting. This course incorporates ASC-specific modules covering pre-op and post-op care, infection prevention, patient and family education, and discharge planning throughout the continuum of care. Learners gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary for high-performing OR teams.

More than 2,500 hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers have relied on Periop 101 to:

• Standardize education around the evidence-based Guidelines for Perioperative Practice to improve patient and workplace safety
• Allow educators to focus on students and provide a supportive environment to increase student confidence
• Demonstrate a commitment to staff development
• Support recruitment efforts to grow the pipeline of quality professionals for surgical services

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

Ensure your nurses have ASC-specific knowledge
This course includes 27 online learning modules, textbook content, skills-based labs, a clinical preceptorship and graduate-level QSEN competencies (43.25 contact hours). To name just a few, the ASC-specific modules focus on:

• Aseptic technique
• Endoscopic and minimally invasive surgery
• Perioperative assessment
• Pre- and postoperative care of the patient
• Sterilization and disinfection
• Surgical instruments and equipment safety
• Wound closure
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 implementation with minimal start-up work
•  Two-year access, including student modules, and an Administrator Implementation Guide
•  Administrator Resource Center provides more than 150 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

Support for Students
•  Six-month access to complete the interactive learning program and final exam
•  Complimentary one-year AORN membership
•  Student Resource Center with reading and video assignments, and final exam study guides
•  Video clips demonstrating skills
•  Unlimited access to module post-tests during course

Contact Hours (CHs):
•  43.25 CH for Ambulatory Surgery Center RNs

Preceptor Certificate Program (includes 3 modules):
Complimentary three-month access for up to four preceptors per agreement. The number of preceptor seats depends on the number of student seats purchased (includes 4.0 CHs)

Required course textbooks (purchased separately):
•  AORN’s Guidelines for Perioperative Practice, latest edition
•  Alexander’s Care of the Patient in Surgery, latest edition

*Individuals can purchase required textbooks at a discount as part of the Periop 101 Textbook Package; or facilities can subscribe to the AORN Facility Reference Center and students purchase Alexander’s.

Additional Recommended Videos
AORN recommends over 35 video titles to supplement Periop 101. Your facility may purchase them individually or in collections, in DVD or online streaming. 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 Nurse; OB RN Circulator; ASC RNs). Packages are based on numbers of student seats your facility wishes to purchase. Facilities also can include the AORN Facility Reference Center (digital access to Guidelines and clinical resources).

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