

Registered Nurse First Assistant Graduate Certificate Program

Study		Cost	Hours
Course Code	Course		
NRSG 10039	RNFA Theory 1	218.99	39
NRSG 10040	RNFA Theory 2	218.99	39
NRSG 10041	RNFA Laboratory Practice	325.06	60
CLIN 10046	RNFA Independent Internship	276.81	50
CLIN 10042	RNFA Surgeon Mentored Internship	879.96	175

Prices are from 2008.

Price for Books required for the program determined by choice.

Medical Clearance is \$115.00

The next RNFA program offered by Mohawk College Continuing Education and Distance Education Health Sciences is scheduled to start in September 2009. It is a program comprised of independent part time study on line, a full time didactic component and a clinical internship. The Didactic/Laboratory Practice component will be held in Hamilton. Accommodations will be your responsibility. Locations will be provided.

Applicants: Registered Nurse First Assistant Program

Registration into this program requires you to submit the Student Application Form and have an interview with the Program Manager. Any further questions you have can be answered at that time. Once your Student Application form has been received a meeting with the Program Manager will be arranged.

Please read ORNAC competencies for RNFA in Module 1 (2007) page 63-74

Online Courses

The first 2 Theory courses will be distance education online learning. Computer skills are mandatory for this course to navigate through the program.

Didactic Component /Laboratory Practice

This will be done in the Mohawk McMaster Institute for Applied Health Sciences building at the Hamilton McMaster Campus.

Clinical Internships

A **surgeon mentored internship** will require a surgeon sponsor for the hospital of your choice. The clinical time will include intraoperative time with the surgeon. The **independent internship** will include time where you will attend clinics, pathology, radiology, infection control and patient hospital visits.

RNFA Course Descriptions 2008

RNFA Theory 1: The preliminary theory course provides the theoretical foundation for RNFA practice, It involves **39 hours** of facilitated part-time independent study through online learning activities with computer based modules. The role diversity of the first assistant is explored in its interdependent relationship as the nurse works both with the physician and nurses and for the benefit of the patient. The nursing diagnosis is used as the defining guide in planning and implementing patient care.

RNFA Theory 2: The second theory course provides intraoperative knowledge and technique necessary to assuming responsibilities of the RN First Assistant. It involves **39 hours** of facilitated part-time independent studies through on-line learning activities with computer based modules. The nursing diagnosis is used as the defining guide in planning and implementing patient care.

RNFA Laboratory Practice: This face-to-face full-time tutorial/lab is offered over a week. It will include **60 hours** of interactive learning activities with skills labs. RNFAs, physicians and perioperative nursing faculty will be involved in this course. Expanded functions are stressed and elaborated on as the nurse is prepared to assume the RNFA intraoperative responsibilities for assisting at surgery.

RNFA Surgeon Mentored Internship: This course involves **175 surgical assisting hours** with a surgeon mentored practice for perioperative nurses in the first assistant role. Students will be required to keep a log of surgeries that they have assisted with and clinical opportunities they have experienced. Progress will be monitored.

RNFA Independent Internship. This course involves **50 hours of clinical time** in areas of clinics, pathology, radiology, infection control and patient hospital and office visits.

Admission Requirements

- ❑ Graduate of an accredited college/university nursing program
(photocopy)
- ❑ Registered and in good standing with the College of Nurses in the province which the clinical internship will be undertaken
(photocopy)
- ❑ Five years of Perioperative Nursing Experience
(stated in Manager's letter)
- ❑ Letter of Recommendation from Manager
- ❑ Letter of Intent from Surgeon for the Surgeon Mentored Internship
- ❑ Canadian Perioperative Nursing Certificate CPN(C)
(photocopy)
- ❑ Current Basic Cardiac Life Support and Advanced Cardiac Life Support
(photocopy)
- ❑ ORNAC membership
(photocopy)
- ❑ Resume

Include these documents with your application

Your will also be required to have:

- ❑ Computer knowledge and internet access for online learning
- ❑ RNAO Liability Insurance and malpractice insurance through Marsh NurseInsure Program for Clinical Placement
- ❑ Medical Clearance from Mohawk College for Clinical Placement

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Thank you for your interest in this program.

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Program Manager**

**Return the Student Application Form to the Program Manager
After your application form is received and reviewed you will be called to
set up an appointment for an interview.**

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