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Operating Room Nurse Program

Dear Registered Nurse:

Welcome to the GateWay Community College **Operating Room Nurse** program. As a registered nurse of Arizona or a compact state, this program will allow you to gain skill and understanding on how to provide quality care to the patient in the pre-operative setting, the operating room, and post operatively.

The foundation of this spring program is a combination of online work, 160 hours of hands-on lab simulation (**Wednesdays & Thursdays 4:00pm- 8:00pm**) and 200 hours of clinical experience (**TBA**) based on the AORN. standards. This program will give the Registered Nurse the foundational skills to work as an operating room nurse. The on campus operating room lab experience will ensure competency in circulating and introduction into the surgical scrub role. This program incorporates instruction and hands-on labs including handling of instrumentation, medications, aseptic technique, surgical prep, positioning (scrubbing, gowning, gloving, prepping, and draping), and circulating general surgery procedures. The student will also learn how to manage the surgical suite in conjunction with the surgical team with specialty patient populations.

Whether you are a new registered nurse, returning to the field of nursing, or currently working in another nursing field, the completion of this program will allow you to practice and be able to perform at the side of a preceptor in the circulating role in the operating room.

Thank you for your interest in the Gateway Community College Operating Room Nurse Program. Please contact me to obtain a seat in this program. We look forward to seeing you in class.

Sincerely,

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CAREER DESCRIPTION

In this challenging occupation, you will specialize in patient care and the role of the nurse during the preoperative, intra-operative and postoperative phases of surgery. The Operating Room Nurse (PON) registered nurses are managing the operating room suite during surgery.. You may provide pre- and post-operative teaching to patients and their families. Some of your intra operative duties may include patient assessment, identifying desired patient outcomes and evaluating patient care. To provide a safe environment, perioperative nurses need to have a broad knowledge of surgical anatomy, physiological alterations and risk factors.

You will have the opportunity to use your skills and knowledge of surgical procedures, interviewing patients, handing instruments and suture using aseptic technique and managing patient care equipment. You will be introduced to scrubbing and assisting the surgeon. The role of the circulating nurse will involve assisting the anesthesiologist along with providing instruments, medications and supplies to the scrub team.

Perioperative Nurses are employed in either the inpatient or the outpatient surgical departments of hospitals or surgical centers.

Upon 2400 hours of on the job experience (1200 hours perioperative nursing) (1200 hours in intraoperative nursing) you have the opportunity to sit for the CNOR certification, Certified Nurse in the Operating Room with eligibility through Competency and Credentialing Institute (CCI)

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Students must meet the following criteria to be admitted to the program:

1. Formal application and admission to the program.
2. Background Check Requirements: Admission to an Allied Health program requires that students be in compliance with the Maricopa County Community College District Background Check standards. Upon conditional program enrollment, the student must comply with all requirements of the MCCCCD background check policy.
3. Clinical Health and Safety requirements must be met. Upon conditional program enrollment, the student must comply with all requirements of the MCCCCD clinical health and safety policy.
4. Inability to comply with Background Check requirements and/or Clinical Health and Safety requirements at the start of classes may result in cancellation of enrollment.

Requirements for physical and mental endurance include:

- Ability to stand, bend, stoop and sit for long periods of time in one location with minimum to no breaks.
- Have knowledge of how to manipulate instruments, supplies and equipment with speed, dexterity and accuracy.
- Demonstrate positive coping skills under stress.
- Exhibit compassionate interpersonal skills during patient, staff and faculty interactions.
- Physical ability to lift a minimum of 20 pounds and carry it for 40 feet.
- Manage time effectively in the lab, in clinical, in class and while studying.
- Demonstrate skill in coping with difficult personalities.
- Demonstrate punctuality for commitments and schedules.
- Demonstrate the ability to endure strong constructive criticism with a positive attitude.

- Demonstrate effective time management in the lab, in clinical and in class while studying.
- Be knowledgeable of how to take directions and follow orders.
- Demonstrate being unimpaired by alcohol, drugs or any other factor that could affect your judgment and skills negatively.
- Be compliant with random drug screens.
- Maintain an academic calendar, adhere to it and share it with your family members and friends.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OPERATING ROOM NURSE PROGRAM

SPRING Courses

- + PON210 PeriOperative Principles I 3.0
- + PON212 PeriOperative Principles II 3.0
- + PON214 PeriOperative Laboratory 4.0

SUMMER Courses (200 hour clinical)

- + PON218 PeriOperative Clinical Practice I 3.0
- + PON220 PeriOperative Clinical Practice II 3.0

Total Credit Hours 16.0

ESTIMATED PROGRAM COSTS

The estimated cost for the program is outlined in the chart below. The student is responsible for providing transportation, housing, and uniforms.

AAS Degree Program	
Tuition* (44.5 – 57 credit hrs @ \$97 a credit hr) ¹	\$ 1,552
Registration fees (\$15 per semester – 2 semesters)	\$ 30
Course / Lab Fees	\$1,700
Books (program core classes only- not including pre reqs or general courses)	\$99.00- \$145.00
Other Costs: License/Certification, Pre-Clinical Health & Safety Requirements, etc. ²	\$ 200 – 1500
Total Estimated Costs	\$3581-\$4927

Out-of-County residents pay \$531 / Out-of-State residents pay \$372** a credit hr ¹

* Rates are set according to the Arizona Revised Statute. Applies only to counties with no community colleges.

** According to Arizona Revised Statute, 15-1802 F, "A person who is a member of an Indian tribe recognized by the US Department of the Interior whose reservation land lies in this state and extends into another state and who is a resident of the reservation is entitled to classification as an in-state student." Therefore, unclassified and out of state surcharges do not apply to such students.

Students must also plan on the expense of driving to clinical locations across the metropolitan Phoenix and outlying areas. Several clinical affiliates are not on bus routes so one's own private transportation vehicle is necessary.

¹ Tuition and fees are set by the Maricopa Community College Governing Board and approved by the State Board of Directors for Community Colleges; all fees are subject to change. Tuition is higher for non-county residents; visit www.gatewaycc.edu for more information.

² Other Program Costs may be less or more than listed based on a student's individual health record in respect to being in compliance with the immunization and safety requirements for the clinical experience.

IMPORTANT – Tuition is charged per academic credit hour, according to your residency classification or status. Fees may vary, and will be assessed at the time of registration. For more information please visit https://cdn.maricopa.edu/documents/pdf/tuition/tuition_matrix_appendix_s-4.pdf

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

- 1) Alexander's Care of the Patient in Surgery, Rothrock PhD RN CNOR FAAN, Jane C.
ISBN 10: 0323776809 / ISBN 13: 9780323776806, Published by Elsevier, 2022

IMMUNIZATIONS, TESTING, AND BACKGROUND REQUIREMENTS

HEALTH AND SAFETY

For the protection of students, employees, and patients, students enrolled in Maricopa Community Colleges Healthcare programs that include assignment to patient care facilities require that students comply with the health and safety requirements listed in the Health and Safety Checklist.

[HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS](#)

[HEALTH AND SAFETY CHECKLIST](#)

BACKGROUND CHECK

Once students are admitted, they will undergo a background check clearance that includes the following:

- A check of the [List of Excluded Individuals/Entities \(LEIE\) database](#)
- An identification check
- A drug screening

Other background checks may be required per healthcare agency contracted with Maricopa Community Colleges. Any costs associated with such checks are the responsibility of the student.

If you would like to perform a self-assessment first, [download this document](#). Students who have been admitted to a Healthcare Education program are required to sign a Maricopa Community Colleges Criminal Background Check Disclosure Acknowledgement form.

If a student receives a failed background check or believes they may receive a failed background check. It may be helpful to research Arizona laws that allow for "setting aside" of prior convictions under certain circumstances and also Arizona laws that allow for "expungement," which is the sealing of criminal records.

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DRS AND TITLE IX

Classroom Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

- ❖ In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) and its associated colleges are committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities to students with documented disabilities (e.g. mental health, attentional, learning, chronic health, sensory, or physical). Each class/term/semester that a student is in need of academic adjustments/accommodations, the qualified student is required to work with the Disability Resources & Services Office (DRS) at their individual college(s). Contact with the DRS should be made as soon as possible to ensure academic needs are met in a reasonable time. New and returning students must request accommodations each semester through DRS Connect online services. To learn more about this easy process, please contact your local DRS office.
- ❖ If you have not yet established services through DRS, but have a temporary health condition or permanent disability that requires accommodations, you are welcome to contact DRS by using the information listed here. The DRS offers resources and coordinates reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities and/or temporary health conditions qualifying for accommodations/academic adjustments. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process between you, your faculty, and DRS; and only those academic adjustments/reasonable accommodations granted by the DRS are recognized by the college and District. It is the policy and practice of the MCCCD to create inclusive and accessible learning environments consistent with federal and state law.

Addressing Incidents of Sexual Harassment/Assault, Dating/Domestic Violence, and Stalking

- ❖ In accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, MCCCD prohibits unlawful sex discrimination against any participant in its education programs or activities. The District also prohibits sexual harassment—including sexual violence—committed by or against students, District employees, and visitors to campus. As outlined in District policy, sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking are considered forms of "Sexual Misconduct" prohibited by District policy.
- ❖ District policy requires all college and District employees in a teaching, managerial, or supervisory role to report all incidents of Sexual Misconduct that come to their attention in any way, including but not limited to face-to-face conversations, a written class assignment or paper, class discussion, email, text, or social media post. Incidents of Sexual Misconduct should be reported to the college Title IX Coordinator. MCCCD will provide on its Title IX Coordinators web page, a link to all the Title IX Coordinators in the district. Reports may also be reported at:<https://district.maricopa.edu/consumer-information/reporting>.

COLLEGE COMMUNICATION

The following information is very important so you do not miss any notices:

We communicate with students strictly through your Maricopa College email, not your personal email account.

We have a district-wide Google powered email system. This system is the way we send all official College communications concerning selective admissions, class enrollment, financial aid, tuition due dates and other important student information.

All students will need to check their new student e-mail regularly or forward the new student e-mail to a personal email to ensure that all official college communication is received.

Students may access their new e-mail accounts directly from their Student Center once they log in at <https://portal.maricopa.edu/>. The benefits to you include:

- Quicker response
- Convenience. You can receive & read email even if out-of-town
- Saves trees!

Go to <https://portal.maricopa.edu/> & log in to your account. You may edit your information, such as address, phone, etc. here also if you need to. This is a self-service for students, which includes registering for classes, adding/dropping classes, making payments, printing your class schedules, viewing financial aid & viewing your grades. If you have any technical issues, please call 1-888-994-4433.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the enclosed program material, please feel free to contact any of the following program contacts:

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Phone: 602.286.8185

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Carolyn Delgado, Health Sciences Academic Advisor

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Email: delgado@gatewaycc.edu

Questions regarding Health and Safety Immunizations; send email to: clinicalrequirements@gatewaycc.edu

STUDENT SERVICES

The following are some of the services available to students.

Advising - Advisors will help with identifying courses and creating an Educational Plan to meet your academic goals: <https://www.gatewaycc.edu/advisement>.

Meet with a Health Careers Academic Advisors every semester prior to class registration.

The Health Careers Academic Advisors are available by virtual appointments only. More information can be found at the following links:

If you are currently not enrolled in one of GateWay Community College's Healthcare Programs you are **required** to attend one of the Healthcare Programs Information Sessions before meeting with an advisor. Please visit <https://www.gatewaycc.edu/virtual-sessions> to find out more about information sessions.

If you are a new student, you must complete the Student Information Form found at <https://admissions.maricopa.edu/> before scheduling an appointment with Advising.

Advisor Appointments - For student inquiries or appointments, please email your specific question/need and your Student ID number to the following <https://www.gatewaycc.edu/advisement>, and the appropriate advisor will contact you within 24 hours.

Please note that ALL appointments will be conducted virtually, NOT in person at the campus

Before you meet with an advisor, we recommend you check out the current Catalog to learn more about the programs that interest you. Let your advisor know if you have any questions or concerns.

If you have taken a class for college credit and you are interested in transferring credits to GateWay, you may better prepare if you have your official transcripts (from all colleges & schools previously attended) sent to:

GateWay Community College
Attn: Admissions & Records
108 N 40th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85034-1704

Bring a copy of your transcripts to review with your advisor. Your advisor can help you choose courses that will apply to most degrees and give you an introduction into your areas of interest.

Bookstore - Current and most up to date information can be found at the following website

<https://www.gatewaycc.edu/bookstore>

Counseling - Academic, personal, or career counseling available. Call 602.286.8900.

Employment - contact the Career & Re-Entry Services, at 602.286.8500 for assistance.

Financial Aid - Available for qualified students. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 602.286.8300 or visit website: <http://enroll.gatewaycc.edu/FinancialAid/ApplyForFinancialAid/default.htm>

Student Assessment Center – Services include instructor makeup exams, the English, Math, and Reading ASSET or COMPASS placement tests, and selected instruments required for acceptance into the Health Science or Nursing programs. Call 602.286.8160 for specific days and times tests are available.

Tutoring Assistance – Available through the Learning Center, 602.286.8800.

For a complete listing of student services, please refer to the college catalog, or visit GateWay's website: www.gatewaycc.edu or call college information at 602.286.8000.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY FOR OPERATING ROOM NURSE PROGRAM

**GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 108 N 40th St /
Phoenix, AZ 85034-1704 / 602.286.8000**

Please print clearly

**I PLAN TO BEGIN THE PROGRAM IN
(spring semester and year):**

Current RN License

_____

LEGAL NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

**ADDRESS (STREET)
(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)**

FORMER NAME(S) which may appear on transcript

STUDENT ID NUMBER

**HOME PHONE NUMBER (REQUIRED)
CELL PHONE NUMBER(REQUIRED)**

E-MAIL ADDRESS(REQUIRED)

**PERSON TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY(REQUIRED)
PHONE (REQUIRED)
ADDRESS**

ARIZONA NURSING LICENSE NUMBER LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE

NAME OF NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM CITY & STATE

NAME OF HEALTHCARE FACILITY YOU ARE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AT

Information Release – FERPA:

**Do you give permission for the college to release directory information relative to your enrollment
(as per the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974)? Yes No**

Graduated: Year Diploma A .D .N . B .S .N .

Are you currently enrolled in college? Yes No

If "YES", where?

PREVIOUS COLLEGES OR TECHNICAL SCHOOLS ATTENDED:

NAME OF INSTITUTION

CITY AND STATE

DATE OF ENTRANCE DATE OF LEAVING

DIPLOMA OR DEGREE RECEIVED COLLEGE MAJOR

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CITY AND STATE

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{Attach separate sheet if additional space is needed}

LIST ALL HEALTH EXPERIENCE RELATED EMPLOYMENT:

STARTING WITH MOST RECENT AND WORKING BACK, LIST EMPLOYERS:

OCCUPATION

EMPLOYER FROM TO

ADDRESS

NAME OF SUPERVISOR

REASON FOR LEAVING

MILITARY:

Are you a member of the US Armed Forces, a former member of the US Armed Forces, or a dependent of a member of the US Armed Forces?

If yes, select all that apply:

I am a current member of the US Armed Forces Yes No

I am a dependent of a member of the US Armed Forces Yes No

I am a former member of the US Armed Forces Yes No

_____ (initial) I have read and understand that issues such as a positive drug test, a failed background check, or a code of conduct violation may prohibit me from being placed in a clinical site, which places my continuation in a class or in my academic program in jeopardy.

_____ (initial) I understand that challenging a positive drug test or a failed background check is done through the vendor contracted to perform such test/check and not with Maricopa County Community College District or its associated colleges and my appeal must be made through the vendor's established process and at my expense.

_____ (initial) I understand that I will be afforded due process prior to being removed from a class or my academic program due to a positive drug test, a failed background check, or a code of conduct violation. I further understand my participation in this process is vital.

_____ (initial) I understand that I may be afforded conditional continuation in my class or academic program pending the outcome of the appeal with the vendor (for positive drug test or failed background check) and

the results of my due process meeting with college administration. This continuation is conditional, pending the outcome of the appeal(s) and due process meeting.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the above answers are true, correct, and complete. I understand that any falsification or intentional misrepresentation of information on this application may be cause for dismissal from the Surgical Technology for Operating Room Nurse Program and from the college.

Signature

Signature Date

PLEASE RETURN YOUR APPLICATION TO:

Thompson@gatewaycc.edu / GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE / 108 N 40th ST / PHOENIX, AZ 85034-1704