



Registered Nurse First Assistant Program



**An Expanded Practice Course for
Operative Nurses, Nurse Midwives
and Nurse Practitioners**

March 6-12, 2005

This course offers six semester
hours of University credit for the
student who completes both the
didactic component
and the
120 hour clinical component.

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Registration Form •

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For further registration information:

Gloria Hughes

This program is based on the Association of Operating Room Nurses (AORN) Core Curriculum. It is designed to provide the perioperative nurse with the knowledge and skills to function as a Registered Nurse First Assistant. The operative nursing role is expanded to include retracting, exposing, clamping, ligating, and suturing. Program highlights include live pig and suturing laboratories, and surgeon lectures.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Registered nurses who practice operative nursing (BSN preferred).

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This program will provide the perioperative nurse with the knowledge and skills to:

- Describe factors influencing scope of practice for the RNFA
- Utilize the nursing process as a foundation for practice
- Apply principles of asepsis and infection control
- Describe surgical anatomy and physiology
- Utilize surgical techniques related to first assisting
- Recognize surgical hazards and initiate appropriate action
- Validate intraoperative nursing behaviors
- Apply principles of hemostasis, suturing and wound exposure in a laboratory setting
- Demonstrate appropriate techniques of knot tying
- Apply principles of first assisting in a laboratory setting
- Develop effective communication skills

• Preadmission Requirements

The following information must be provided prior to enrolling in the program:

- Completed application and tuition fee
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- Photograph
- Licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the state in which the clinical internship will be accomplished
- Proof of RN licensure
- **Experience: must have 2 years of recent operative nursing experience.** This experience must include demonstrated competency in the scrubbing, circulating, or first assisting roles of the intraoperative nursing dimension. (CNOR Eligible)
- **CNOR: Must be CNOR or eligible with CNOR status obtained before a certificate of program completion is awarded. Must be CNOR certified within 1 year of program completion.**
- Proof of current personal professional liability insurance specific for RN first assistants.
- Two letters of recommendation to validate:
 - a. One's proficiency in the role of scrubbing, circulating
 - b. One's ability to perform effectively in stressful situations
 - c. One's ability to perform effectively and harmoniously as a team member
 - d. One's ability to perform effectively as a leader

• About the Sponsors

Moses Cone Health System

Since opening its doors in 1953, The Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital has grown from a 51 bed, 200 employee facility into a multi-institutional health-care system. The hospital is one of five divisions in the Moses Cone Health System, an organization whose services are provided by 500 private physicians and dentists and a staff of over 7,000 health-care professionals. Moses Cone Hospital remains the organization's flagship facility and is a recognized leader in cardiology, neuroscience, trauma and rehabilitation services.



North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University's School Of Nursing

The School offers an accelerated baccalaureate completion program as well as a Pre-Licensure BSN degree program. With a strong commitment to the non-traditional student, the School has been a pacesetter in North Carolina.



• How to Register

For further course information contact:

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COST

The cost of the program
is \$1,649

If you are interested in
attending this program, send
in the attached registration
form with a \$100 deposit.

Balance of tuition and all paper work
is due February 4, 2005.

Preregistration is required.
Program space is limited.

Mail completed package to:
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• Program Structure

DIDACTIC

The didactic component of the program is designed to provide the operative nurse with the necessary knowledge to function as an RN first assistant. Teaching methodologies include lecture, discussion, independent study requirements, audiovisual aids, demonstration and return demonstration, and laboratory practicums. **The student must attend one week of class at North Carolina A&T State University.**

CLINICAL

The clinical component provides the participant with the opportunity to gain the skills needed to perform as an RN First Assistant. **Prior to enrollment, the student must have two letters of agreement; one from a surgeon who will serve as a mentor, and one from the clinical practice site.** The clinical consists of 120 hours in a hospital setting. The student has up to one year to complete the entire program, including **CNOR certification.**

CREDIT

This course offers six semester hours of University credit for the student who completes both the didactic component and the 120 hour clinical component.

FACULTY

Faculty will consist of master's prepared perioperative nurses, RNFAs and board certified surgeons.

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