



# Perioperative Nurse Residency

The Perioperative Nurse Residency program is designed to provide nurses new to the operating room with all the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in this fast-paced environment. The initial three months of the program feature classroom learning, simulation, and the opportunity to apply learning in the OR.

Perioperative nurse residents learn the basics, from scrubbing to circulating, and they apply these skills with the guidance of their preceptors, educators and nurse managers.

#### Topics Include:

- Aseptic technique
- Open and laparoscopic surgery
- Medications and solutions
- Surgical implants and specimens
- Perioperative safety
- Surgical instruments
- Patient assessment
- Skin care and positioning
- Infection prevention
- Perioperative documentation
- Patient advocacy
- Critical thinking
- Emergency management in the OR

For more information, visit [clevelandclinic.org/nursing](https://clevelandclinic.org/nursing).

#### The Perioperative Nurse Residency helps surgical staff...

- Build competence to practice safely within the OR.
- Learn to understand and critically assess OR patient safety.
- Stay current in the fast-paced surgical environment.
- Gain independence to take on perioperative responsibilities.
- Advocate for compassionate, individualized patient care in the OR.



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