

# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## EVENTS

### AORN Global Surgical Conference & Expo, March 24-28, 2018, New Orleans, LA

Learn about the latest research, best practices, and innovative ideas coming out of the surgical suite at AORN's annual educational conference. This premier event offers a robust program with expert speakers, hands-on training, and hundreds of contact hours. Learning will extend beyond the classroom to the exhibit hall, which will have the latest perioperative trends, surgical products, and technologies. Plus, hear from poster presenters about break-through ideas, actions, and evidence-based research affecting perioperative nursing. Learn more at <https://www.aorn.org/surgicalexpo>.

### Save the Date! 2017 Guidelines Implementation Workshops

The AORN *Guidelines for Perioperative Practice* will come to life through the 2017 Guidelines Implementation Workshops. These workshops will cover important evidence-based concepts from the AORN guidelines. Each session will be a dynamic and interactive learning experience taught by AORN's guideline authors. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear lectures, ask questions about real-life experiences, and participate in hands-on activities in a fun and relaxed environment. As a result, attendees will have a more thorough understanding of these key topics resulting in more confidence in their daily practice and better quality patient care.

Events are scheduled for September 9 in Chicago, Illinois; September 16 in Boston, Massachusetts, and Las Vegas, Nevada; September 23 in Cleveland, Ohio, and Orlando, Florida; October 14 in Indianapolis, Indiana; October 21 in San Jose, California, and Austin, Texas; October 28 in San Antonio, Texas, and Nashville, Tennessee; and November 4 in Miami, Florida, and San Diego, California. Learn more and register at <https://www.aorn.org/giwi>.

AORN is the premier provider of continuing education for perioperative nurses. To ensure that you are registering for an AORN event, look for the AORN name and logo. If you are not sure whether an event is sponsored by AORN, call AORN Experience Services at (800) 755-2676.

### ASC Administrator Skills Course, September 26-29, 2017, Denver, CO

Developed exclusively for ambulatory surgery center (ASC) professionals, this unique, blended program kicks off with a three-and-a-half-day, face-to-face seminar held at AORN Headquarters in Denver, Colorado. It provides the foundation for the nine online learning modules that follow, which the learner will be given four months to complete. Topics include ASC quality-reporting requirements, budget planning, regulatory compliance, preparing for an accreditation survey, and physician credentialing, just to name a few. Many attendees have used this course to help prepare for the Certified Administrator Surgery Center (CASC) exam. (The Board of Ambulatory Surgery Certification neither sponsors nor endorses this program.) The ASC Administrator Skills Course offers 35.9 contact hours. Learn more and register at <https://www.aorn.org/events/asc-administrator-skills-course>.

## PREP FOR CNOR

AORN supports members' and nonmembers' personal and professional goals to achieve CNOR certification, as recognized in the *AORN Position Statement on Perioperative Nursing Certification*. AORN's *Guidelines for Perioperative Practice* is the primary reference for the CNOR exam. AORN now offers two prep options for perioperative RNs:

### Prep for CNOR Live—New Program

AORN chapter presidents and health care organization representatives can request to host this program, and AORN will bring a perioperative nursing expert to teach a weekend event. AORN chapters hosting this event will meet an AORN chapter accountability standard for providing continuing nursing education to perioperative RNs. Registered participants receive access to two online assessments as well as the weekend event, a USB drive containing the current *AORN Guidelines for Perioperative Practice*, and, after completing the course requirements, 17.4 contact hours. Learn more about this program and submit requests to bring the program to your city by visiting <https://www.aorn.org/events/prep-for-cnor-live>.

### Prep for CNOR Online

Our online prep course uses and includes access to the current *AORN Guidelines for Perioperative Practice*. Our fact- and scenario-based questions provide an extensive review of perioperative practice and test your ability to think critically. After completing the course requirements, participants will be able

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to receive 49 contact hours. Pass the exam or your money back, guaranteed. Alleviate your test anxiety and purchase Prep for CNOR Online today by visiting <https://www.aorn.org/education/prep-for-cnor>.

*The Prep for CNOR Live program and Prep for CNOR Online program are designed strictly to be used as review and preparation for the CNOR exam. AORN does not administer the CNOR exam; the CNOR exam is administered by the Competency and Credentialing Institute. Candidates for the CNOR exam must meet the eligibility requirements as defined by the Competency and Credentialing Institute.*

## CERTIFICATE IN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

This online learning module is designed to educate RNs and other interested health care professionals about the basics of evidence-based practice. This activity includes a pretest, a module, and a posttest. This step-by-step learning format is designed to assist RNs in implementing evidence-based practices to promote patient safety and optimal outcomes for all patients. All RNs would benefit from this fundamentals course, which provides 1.8 contact hours. For more information, visit <https://www.aorn.org/ebp/fundamentals>.

## NURSING PROGRAMS

### Fundamentals of Perioperative Practice: Program for Nursing Curricula

AORN advocates for the inclusion of learning activities in the perioperative setting in all undergraduate professional nursing curricula. This online 10-module fundamentals course has been designed specifically for inclusion in generic nursing programs and includes undergraduate Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) competencies. AORN believes that the perioperative setting is a prime area where the nursing process can be applied. These learning activities can be integrated into existing curricula of nursing programs and contribute to desired end-of-program outcomes. The perioperative setting is an area in which there is a tremendous emphasis on patient safety, so it presents numerous opportunities to explore human factors and communication theories.

Using 10 modules from AORN's Periop 101: A Core Curriculum, the fundamentals course provides a well-defined foundation of perioperative nursing concepts and gives students basic information about aseptic technique and teamwork that can be translated into many clinical experiences. For additional information or to purchase, please contact Terry Avitable, MSN, RN, CNOR, at (800) 755-2676 x 211

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## PERIOP 101: A CORE CURRICULUM

Periop 101: A Core Curriculum is a comprehensive blended educational certificate program developed by AORN's expert perioperative nurse-authors based on the latest, evidence-based *Guidelines for Perioperative Practice*. This program combines a standardized, evidence-based online curriculum and textbook readings with hands-on skills labs and a clinical practicum led by experienced perioperative nurses. The course now includes graduate QSEN competencies.

AORN recommends Periop 101 for novice perioperative nurses, including new graduates, nurses transitioning into the perioperative suite from other nursing specialties, and other health care team members. There are three different learning plans to choose from: OR Nurse, Obstetrics (OB) RN Circulator, and Ambulatory Surgery Center Nurse.

For pricing information and a demonstration of the course, visit <https://www.aorn.org/p101>. Learn more at <https://www.aorn.org/PeriopModules>. Targeted programs include the following:

- Periop 101: A Core Curriculum for ASCs. For more information, visit <https://www.aorn.org/ASCperiop101>.
- Periop 101: A Core Curriculum for OB RN Circulators. For more information, visit <https://www.aorn.org/p101/obrn>.
- Periop 101: A Core Curriculum for Physician Assistants (PAs)/Residents/Medical Students. For more information, visit <https://www.aorn.org/p101/corecurriculum>.

## Preceptor Certificate Program

AORN's Preceptor Certificate Program will improve your preceptor education, which in turn will give your nurses the skills they need. Success in the OR is the major responsibility of a preceptor. It is important to remember, however, that not even a nurse who is clinically skilled is automatically a good preceptor; it is a learned skill, like any other. AORN's expert perioperative nurse-authors have developed a three-module certificate program to assist preceptors in preparing for their role in acclimating novice perioperative nurses to this unique environment. Program components include adult learning theories, novice-to-expert considerations, problem solving, validating competency, dealing with the health care reality shock, and the challenges of working with new grads. To learn more about this program, visit <https://www.aorn.org/aorn-org/education/facility-solutions/periop-101/periop-101-preceptors>.

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