

Course Description

STS1308 | Perioperative Patient Care Concepts | 2.00 credits

This course will introduce the student to the needs of the surgical patient, with a focus on the special needs patient care concept, which includes adult, pediatric, geriatric, and bariatric patients. Discussion will also include types of consents, transportation and transfer of the surgical patient, preoperative patient routines, positioning, safety issues, and death and dying will be included.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the role that Surgical Technologist plays with special population patients by:

1. Describing the basic physical and biological needs required to sustain life
2. Demonstrating appropriate behavior in response to the needs manifested by the surgical patient
3. Identifying and discussing the specific needs of the special populations

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate knowledge of transportation and transfer of the surgical patient by:

1. Identifying methods of patient transportation
2. Discussing the factors related to the family members and transportation of the patient
3. Demonstrating the principles of safe transportation and employing the principles of body mechanics when transferring the surgical patient

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate knowledge of death and dying by:

1. Evaluating attitudes, beliefs, and classifications regarding death and dying
2. Comparing and contrast responses to the process of death and various coping strategies and mechanisms
3. Tracing the steps that are implemented when a patient's death occurs in the operating room

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures including global and historical perspectives
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society