

**Perianesthesia Education Program (PEP)**

The Interior Health perianesthesia training program is a blended learning program that enables RNs to work in the perianesthesia (post-anesthetic care unit) environment. The IH Surgical Network and the Professional Practice Office have jointly approved the program to satisfy the advanced preparation required to work within the perianesthesia specialty.

The training program utilizes a blended learning format with systematic integration of online and face-to-face learning, aimed to facilitate critical thinking within the context of perianesthesia care. The program uses a standardized, evidence informed online curriculums offered by Elsevier, called ASPAN: Mosby’s Orientation to Perianesthesia Nursing (MOPAN) curriculum and American Association of Critical Care Nurses Essentials of Critical Care Orientation (ECCO). Learners will complete Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) during their training. **\*Heart & Stroke Basic Life Support within one year and competency in electrocardiogram interpretation required.**

**PEP has three components: theory, lab and preceptorship**

*Required Theory		Instructor led Lab/Simulation	Preceptorship led Clinical Practicum	Total Length of Program
Part-Time Study (12 weeks)		Full-Time Training – all hours remunerated (10 weeks)		<b>22 weeks</b>
MOPAN	32 hours	75 hours <i>(includes ACLS)</i>	313 hours (30x7.5 hour shifts in PACU, 8x11 hour shifts in ICU)	<b>472 hours</b>
ECCO	52 hours			

*\*Completed prior to progression to full-time training. Hours to complete theory is an average estimate and may take longer to complete for some learners. Access to on-line modules is purchased by the Professional Practice Office – time to complete theory/study are unpaid hours as employee investment in their education.*

Additional program information may be found in the [PEP Syllabus](#).