

REGIONAL PERIOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM (RPEP)

The Interior Health perioperative training program is a blended learning program that enables RNs and LPNs to work in the perioperative environment (within their respective/defined scopes). The Ministry, IH Surgical Network, and the Professional Practice Office have jointly approved the program to satisfy the advanced preparation required to work within the perioperative specialty.

The training program offers multiple streams: Operative Room, Gastrointestinal, Ambulatory Surgery, and Cesarean Section. All streams utilize a blended learning format with systematic integration of online and face-to-face learning, aimed to facilitate critical thinking within the context of perioperative care. The program uses a provincially standardized, evidence-informed online curriculum offered by the Association of Registered periOperative Nurses’ (AORN) called, Periop 101.

RPEP has three components: theory, lab and preceptorship

Perioperative Stream	*Required Theory	Skills Lab	Practicum	Total Length of Program
Operating Room (OR)	Part-Time Study (12 weeks)	Full-Time Training – all hours remunerated (12 weeks)		24 weeks
	95 hours	75 hours	375 hours	545 hours
Ambulatory Surgery (ASC)	Part-Time Study (12 weeks)	Full-Time Training – all hours remunerated (8 weeks)		20 weeks
	100 hours	37.5 hours	262.5 hours	400 hours
GI Endoscopy (GI)	Part-Time Study (12 weeks)	Full-Time Training – all hours remunerated (8 weeks)		20 weeks
	115 hours	37.5 hours	262.5 hours	415 hours
Cesarean Section (CSEC)	Part-Time Study (12 weeks)	Full-Time Training – all hours remunerated (4 weeks)		16 weeks
	95 hours	37.5 hours	112.5	245 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 [RPEP OR Syllabus](#), [RPEP ASC Syllabus](#), or [RPEP GI Syllabus](#), [RPEP CSEC Program Syllabus](#)



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PROGRAM SUMMARY