



# OR Specialty Placement Application Information Sheet

## Placement Timeframe for 2021

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January to early April 2021 for NURS 475 and NURS 491 (12 weeks total).

## Location

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Royal Jubilee Hospital and Victoria General Hospital; 4-5 spaces at each site.

## Prerequisites

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### *UVic criteria*

GPA 6.0 (B+) or higher; registration status in good standing; no BSN program practice probation; meet application due date.

### *Health Authority Criteria*

Must meet Island Health Authority professional practice requirements including but not limited to: current CPR and Mask Fit certifications; clear Criminal Record Check (CRC); confidentiality training or acknowledgement; agency orientation and computer training; Photo ID; current immunizations; current TB status.

### *Course Completion*

The Island Health Perioperative Program consists of AORN Perioperative 101 base on AORN's evidence-based Guidelines for Perioperative Practice supported by ORNAC Standards and the Provincial Tiers of Service Education specific to RJH and VGH. The program consists of a combination of evidence-based on-line curriculum and textbook readings with hand-on learning/lab sessions and clinical practicum over 12 weeks. The intent is to prepare nurses to function competently in a perioperative setting at a novice level. The program includes assignments, quizzes and a final exam for 450 program hours.

### *Upon Graduation*

The course is paid by Island Health; Post-graduation: Commitment to work in IH OR for 1.5 years; if the student wishes to withdraw from the OR program, they can do so only at the end of NURS 475.

## Application process

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1. One offsite or specialty application per student
2. When submitting your application package, input 'OR Application' in email subject.
3. Provide two Faculty Reference Forms:
  - a. An instructor from UVic, Camosun, or COTR in a clinical setting in semester/term 5; and,
  - b. A second reference from any semester (may be non-clinical).



4. Current resume – 2 copies, 1 must be anonymized (i.e., no student name or contact info).
5. Cover Letter for clinical destination Manager or CNE/CNL – 2 copies, 1 must be anonymized (i.e., no student name or contact info).
  - a. Reasons for choosing a peri-operative practicum and how this choice fits with your professional career goals
  - b. What specific and relevant coursework, knowledge, skills, and attitudes you bring which prepares you for the placement request;
  - c. Ways you will attend to the learning required and what strategies to support your learning in this specific context of off-site;
  - d. Strategies you will use to meet the standard UVic practicum course requirements and the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals' (BCCNP) New Graduate Competencies and Standards of Practice; and,
  - e. A site preference, including health authority and hospital.
6. A Letter of Intent (double-spaced, two page maximum) addressed to the Perioperative/ OR Faculty Application Review Committee, addressing items below;
  - a. Reasons for choosing a peri-operative practicum and how this choice fits with your professional career goals
  - b. What specific and relevant coursework, knowledge, skills, and attitudes you bring which prepares you for the placement request;
  - c. Ways you will attend to the learning required and what strategies to support your learning in this specific context of off-site;
  - d. Strategies you will use to meet the standard UVic practicum course requirements and the British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals' (BCCNP) New Graduate Competencies and Standards of Practice; and,
  - e. A site preference, including health authority and hospital.
7. Submit \$100 non-refundable administrative fee to SON office by May 29, 2020: cash, cheque or money order, payable to University of Victoria.
8. **Application Due Date – Submit entire application electronically to [nursprac@uvic.ca](mailto:nursprac@uvic.ca) by May 29, 2020 at 4 p.m.**

### **After applications are submitted**

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#### *Perioperative/ OR Faculty Application Review Committee*

The Perioperative/ OR Program UVic Faculty Review Committee will review the electronic applications, semester/term 5 Practice Appraisal Forms from Camosun, COTR, and Uvic Criteria. The committee will send the applicants' resume and cover letter to be reviewed by health authority OR Manager(s) and the Clinical Nurse Educator (CNE). The OR Manager and CNE will have a face-to-face interview prior to conditional acceptance. The OR Manager(s) will notify the successful applicant, Perioperative/ OR Program UVic Faculty Review Committee, and the Practica Coordinator.

*Practicum Coordinator*

The Perioperative/ OR Program placement request is submitted by the Practica coordinator via HSPnet by October 1, 2020 for January 2021 placement. The Perioperative/ OR placements can be accepted/ declined any time from November 1 to mid-December 2020. Preceptor information will be added at a later date.