Theatre Nursing

Eligible candidates for this pathway must be:

- State Registered nurses
- Currently working in operating theatres
- Have a minimum of one year of clinical experience in theatre nursing

NUR 3250 Organisational, thinking, learning and caring
NUR 3242 Advancing Clinical skills
NUR 3243 Assessing the Critically ill patient
NUR 3244 Health and safety in the operating theatres
NUR 3245 Technology in the operating theatres
NUR 3246 Crisis management in the operating theatres

NUR 3250 Organisational, thinking, learning and caring

This study unit provides insight into the way individuals and organisations learn. It links the important concept of individual learning to the idea of organisational learning. This paradigm shift of a learning organisation in nursing or the health care sector at large, introduces a shift in beliefs and attitudes. These changes should lead to modifications of behaviours and routines that, if adopted, might transform the traditional hospital into a high-performing organisation with quality care as the desired outcome.

NUR 3242 Advancing Clinical skills

This study unit seeks to provide students with the opportunity to address the specific needs in developing clinical skills of students, at an individual level. Students develop their ability to describe, reflect upon and critically analyse their own practice and clinical skills. They have the opportunity to investigate selected areas of practice by engaging in an exploration of an issue that arises from their own practice area. Aspects of study include evidence-based practice, advanced or independent nursing practice and specialisation. This study unit includes a process where by the nature and topic of the study unit is determined by the student and the lecturer.

NUR 3243 Assessing the Critically ill patient

This study unit examines various aspects of assessment within a holistic approach, particular to acute/critically ill patients. The study unit seeks to focus on the physical aspect, with particular emphasis on the analysis and integration of physical, laboratory and computer derived investigations and findings.

NUR 3244 Health and safety in the operating theatres

Nurses are duty bound to identify risks to patient safety and work within a team to promote environments that are conducive to safe practice. This is tantamount in the operating theatre environment and thus it is imperative for nurses to be aware and keep abreast regarding their legal and professional obligations regarding health and safety in the operating theatres. Issues that will be tackled in this unit include health and safety issues in theatres regarding staff, patients and procedures. Patient Safety during the peri-operative phase Theatre preparation, infection control, Biohazard cases, cleaning disinfection and sterilization of instruments and equipment, sterile field, protective
clothing, sharps swabs and instruments, specialist equipment, laser surgery, X Rays. Hazards from volatile liquids or gases waste disposal, occupational Hazards.

NUR 3245  Technology in the operating theatres

Technology is the most apparent and most rapidly changing phenomenon affecting the operating room of the future. It involves significant changes and challenges. This unit will focus mainly on technology and equipment used within the local context as well as other technologies available globally. This unit will discuss issues related to innovative medical technologies and equipment.

NUR 3246  Crisis management in the operating theatres

The operating theatre is a complex and highly charged workplace. Emergency situations and difficult circumstances can occur. This unit will introduce participants to scenarios of difficult situations that can occur within the operating department. This unit will be a case based interactive learning module using a problem based learning approach.