paediatric perioperative nursing

specialty transition program

Program Description
The Children’s Hospital at Westmead (CHW) Perioperative Service includes: operating theatres (instrumental/circulating nursing), anaesthetic, post anaesthetic recovery, day surgery, cardiac catheterisation laboratory, neuro-vascular laboratory and the central sterilising unit.

The program aims to provide the registered nurse with the opportunity to gain clinical experience, knowledge, and skills to competently practice in the areas of circulating, instrument, anaesthetic, post anaesthetic recovery, and/or day surgery nursing.

The program is underpinned by work-based learning and specialty competency standards to develop the skills and critical thinking to further the participant’s ability to work with a multidisciplinary team, to reflect on practice and use a person and family centred care approach.

Program Length
The Paediatric Perioperative Nursing Clinical Accreditation Program (CAP) is a twelve month program.

Attendance/Requirements for completion
This Paediatric Perioperative Nursing Clinical Accreditation Program consists of:
- Values statement
- Learning Contract
- 3 Workshops
- Case presentations
- Clinical Competency assessments
- Completion of Perioperative Staff Development Pathway and Paediatric Perioperative Introductory Program (PPIP) which involves 4 study days covering topics which include: the introduction to the roles of perioperative nursing, surgical procedures and terminology, anaesthesia and post-operative care.

Why undertake this Program?
The Paediatric Perioperative Nursing Specialty Transition Program, is a supported foundational program that provides participants the opportunity to develop competence through a planned program that enables experiential, reflective and provision of person centred care to children and their families.

Following completion of the Paediatric Perioperative Nursing Clinical Accreditation Program and receiving satisfactory outcomes in all assessable components, participants will be eligible to apply for recognition of prior learning to obtain an exemption from the Specialty Clinical Practice subject of the Graduate Certificate in Perioperative Nursing or the Graduate Certificate in Anaesthetics and Recovering Room Nursing at the University of Technology, Sydney.

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