

PACU Nursing Standards of Practice and Certification Review

LEARNING OUTCOME:

Participants will be able to apply current standards of care in PACU nursing to selected situations, in accordance with the ASPAN standards of care for PACU nursing.

OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify the recommended resources and studying techniques for certification exam.
- Differentiate the nursing care between the various types of anesthetic techniques and agents.
- Discuss the physiologic effects of anesthesia and the related nursing.
- Describe basic and advanced airway management techniques.
- Recognize airway complications and emergencies.
- Discuss related nursing prevention, assessment, and interventions to address airway obstructions.
- Differentiate between the Phases of Recovery and nursing assessment for patients in each phase.
- Discuss staffing patterns based on ASPAN standards of care.
- Recognize common post-anesthesia complications and nursing interventions.
- Identify appropriate nursing interventions for maintaining physiologic balance in the Peri-anesthesia period.
- Discuss nursing assessment and interventions for special populations.
- Discuss the nurse's role in identifying risks and maintaining safety inherent to patients in the peri-anesthesia setting.
- Recognize the post-operative nursing assessments and interventions related to selected surgical procedures.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Where: Your NYSNA E-LeaRN account

When: April 23 & 24, 2026
(2-day attendance required.)
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Fee: FREE NYSNA member
\$350 non-member



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Registration deadline: April 21, 2026

First Time User Instructions: For directions on how to create your E-LeaRN user account, please refer to: www.nysna.org/elearn-instructions.

Direct Workshop Registration: Once you have created your E-LeaRN user account, register for this program by using your smart phone camera to scan the QR code, login, then search the catalog for this course and register.

If you have already created your E-LeaRN user account, you can also register for this program by clicking on <https://www.elearnonline.net>, login, find and register for this course.

- Describe the risk factors, assessments and interventions for pain, nausea, and hypothermia in the peri-anesthesia settings.

FACULTY:

Margaret Hickey, MSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA has over 15 years' experience as a staff nurse and nurse educator in PACU and ASU in a large tertiary hospital and is currently the nurse educator for peri-anesthesia services for over 20 facilities. Ms. Hickey is certified in both specialties, CPAN and CAPA.

Note: The instructor for this program is contracted through Quality Training Solution Corporation (QTSC).

The New York State Nurses Association is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

This program has been awarded **12.0 CHs** through the New York State Nurses Association Accredited Provider Unit.



NYSNA is accredited by the International Accreditors for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) and offers IACET CEUs for its learning events that comply with the ANSI/IACET Continuing Education and Training Standard. IACET is recognized internationally as a standard development organization and accrediting body that promotes quality of continuing education and training.

The New York State Nurses Association is authorized by IACET to offer **1.2 CEUs** for this program.



IMPORTANT:

In order to receive Contact Hours and CEUs:

- Cameras must be turned on, and you must be present and visible at all times throughout Zoom workshops.**
- All participants are required to attend the entire workshop, complete all in-session program assignments, complete an evaluation form, complete and return a post-program SurveyMonkey® questionnaire and/or complete and return a post-program checklist, where applicable.
- You will need a personal computer and internet access to attend.

Declaration of Vested Interest: None

NYSNA wishes to disclose that no commercial support was received.

NYSNA Program Planners, Presenters, and Content Experts declare that they have no financial relationship with an ineligible company.

****NYSNA reserves the right to cancel this program if a sufficient number of participants are not registered, in which case if a fee was paid, the entire amount will be refunded. Make sure to check your email for confirmation of registration and the further steps you need to take to be prepared for the program and how to retrieve the handout materials before the start of the program.**

