

# A National Perioperative Nursing Curriculum



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## The History...



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## The Challenges...



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## First steps towards a common level of entry to practice



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## Meeting of Minds

- Victoria  
January, 2005
- Montreal  
May, 2005 ORNAC
- Ottawa  
April, 2006 ORNAO
- Toronto  
May, 2006  
CORL
- It all began with a visit to Victoria. Sitting and watching an In-house OR Program being taught to 4<sup>th</sup> Year University students
- Wouldn't it be great if?
- Ontario working group meeting; first steps mapped out
- National working group rep's meeting; continue on with steps and brainstorming

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## Gathering Support

- ORNAC
  - Clinical standards
  - Approved courses
- CNA
  - Certification competencies
  - CPN(C) preparation
- Nursing Secretariats
  - Government liaisons
  - Fiscal support



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## Progress to Date

- Briefing note shared by Ontario CNO at national meeting, November 2006
- Presentation to Ontario Nursing Secretariat, February 2007
- Presentation for ORNAC National Conference, April 2007



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## How does a University nursing course fit into the OR?

- The students have two, 4<sup>th</sup> year clinical courses - N475 & N491 (each is 6 weeks in duration):
- N475 – is described as a moderate to near full with concentration on awareness of “the big picture”.
- N 491 – is described as a transition to BSN Practice. Full patient assignment.

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In Victoria we teach one University of Victoria in-house program every January to March. Our student numbers vary from 6 to 10. The students finish our course and write there RN exams a couple of months later. They are all hired by VIHA.

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