The RN First Assistant Program will be held from October 22 - 26, 2012 at St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Edgewood. St. Elizabeth, Edgewood is located in beautiful Northern Kentucky on a sprawling 260-acre campus. It is one of the largest and most respected medical centers in the region. St. Elizabeth is the first Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky hospital to achieve Magnet™ status, the internationally recognized gold standard for nursing excellence.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Edgewood can be accessed via Interstate 275 from Interstate 75. It is only 9 miles from the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. There are several hotels nearby for overnight accommodations. Visit our website at www.stelizabeth.com.

The RN First Assistant Program Faculty include an experienced RNFA, a board certified surgeon, experienced OR RN educators, and guest speakers as necessary. The class size is limited to eight in order to provide one-on-one opportunities for hands-on practice in the laboratory setting.

For additional information on RNFA and CRNFA requirements visit the Competency & Credentialing website at www.cc-institute.org.

Follow the Step-by-Step guide to register for the RNFA Program through St. Elizabeth Healthcare and Northern Kentucky University.

Questions? Phone (859) 301-9182 or e-mail Joyce.Cochran@stelizabeth.com.

The RN First Assistant Program
St. Elizabeth Healthcare Perioperative Institute
in affiliation with Northern Kentucky University

October 22 - 26, 2012
The RNFA Program

Background
St. Elizabeth Healthcare’s Perioperative Institute, in affiliation with Northern Kentucky University, offers the RNFA Program. The program provides the RN with the didactic preparation necessary to assume the role of the first assistant in operative and invasive procedures.

The RNFA Program is based on the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) Core Curriculum. This five-day course combines classroom instruction emphasizing surgical anatomy and procedures, with laboratory experience in the unique role of the RNFA to handle tissue, provide exposure, suture and use instruments.

Clinical internships are arranged by the participant under the supervision of a surgeon mentor. Documentation of 120 hours of clinical experience is required to complete the program. Six college credits are awarded upon successful completion of all program requirements.

Program admission requirements

- Currently licensed RN
- Minimum 2 years perioperative experience
- CNOR or CNOR eligible (CNOR attained prior to awarding of RNFA certificate)
- BLS required, ACLS preferred
- 2 letters of reference; one from the nurse manager and one from a surgeon familiar with the candidate’s clinical practice
- Advanced Practice Nurses: documented perioperative skills and knowledge and copy of board certification

Program Objectives

Based on AORN’s Core Curriculum for the RNFA

- Describe factors influencing scope of practice
- Utilize the nursing process as a foundation for practice
- Apply principles of asepsis, infection control, and epidemiology
- Review surgical anatomy and physiology
- Review surgical technique related to first assisting
- Recognize surgical hazards and initiate appropriate action
- Utilize best practices for the RNFA
- Develop expertise in communication skills

Registration & Fees

Separate fees are due to St. Elizabeth Healthcare and to Northern Kentucky University.

- $1325 administrative fee to St. Elizabeth Healthcare. Request for refund must be received 10 days prior to the first day of class. A service charge of $50 is withheld from all refunds.
- $40 application fee to Northern Kentucky University
- 2011-12 tuition rates will be posted in May 2012 and available at bursar.nku.edu. Estimated tuition (based on 2011-12 rates & subject to change): $1872 in-state; $3042 metro rate; $3744 out-of-state. NKU refunds will be issued in accordance with university policies.

Please Submit

- Registration Form
- Documentation of admission requirements
- $1325 administrative fee

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