

The **RN First Assistant Program** will be held from 3/29 - 4/2, 2010 at St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Edgewood. St. Elizabeth Healthcare 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.

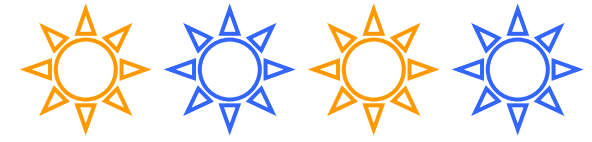
For additional information on RNFA and CRNFA requirements visit the Competency & Credentialing website at www.cc-institute.org.

Upon notification of acceptance into the RNFA Program, you will receive additional information regarding NKU registration, classroom location, meeting times, textbooks, etc.

Questions? Phone (859) 301-5630 or e-mail Doris.Kurtz@stelizabeth.com.

ADDRESS LABEL

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Edgewood, KY 41017



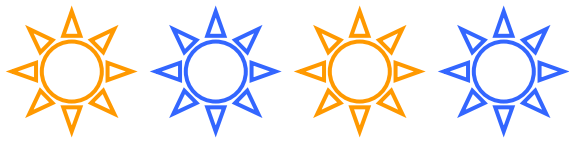
The RN First Assistant Program

St. Elizabeth Healthcare
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March 29 - April 2, 2010



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The RNFA Program

Background

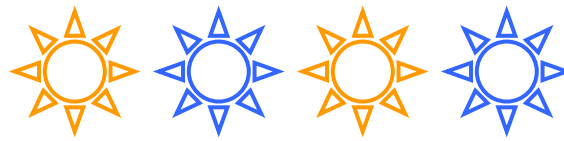
St. Elizabeth Healthcare's Perioperative Institute, in affiliation with Northern Kentucky University, offers the RNFA Program. The program provides the RN with the didactic preparation necessary to assume the role of the first assistant in operative and invasive procedures.

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. 6 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 (proof of CNOR exam registration required; 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: contact the Perioperative Institute for requirements



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

\$25 non-refundable application fee, due immediately

Upon notification of acceptance into the program:

- \$1300 SEMC administrative fee
- Northern Kentucky University tuition & fees (approximately \$1650 in-state & \$3000 out-of-state.) Detailed instructions for NKU registration will be sent with notification of acceptance.

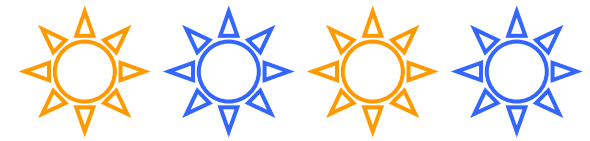
Refunds

- A service charge of \$50 is withheld from all refunds. Request for refund must be received 10 days prior to the first day of class.

Please Submit

- Registration Form
- Documentation of admission requirements met
- \$25 non-refundable application fee

SEH REGISTRATION DEADLINE - 02/01/10



Registration Form

Name	
Street Address, City, State, Zip Code	
E-mail Address (required)	(Area Code) Phone
Current Employer	

\$25 non-refundable application fee must be included with this registration form.
 Documentation of admission requirements met must be included with this registration form.

Return registration form, documentation of requirements met & payment (to be received by 02/01/10) to:
 St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Edgewood, Perioperative Institute, 1 Medical Village Dr, Edgewood, KY 41017