



## JOB DESCRIPTION

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**Job Title:** Pre-Operative and Post Anesthesia Care Unit, Registered Nurse **Department:** Olympia Surgery Center (OSC)

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**Pre- Operative Skills:** Administering care to patients prior to surgery. Pre-op nurse will administer pre-surgery medication under the guidance of the physician and or physician assistant, will evaluate and access admission documents, identify emergency procedures, and adhere to necessary pre-operation policies and procedures.

**PACU Skills:** Coordinates the delivery of care for post-anesthesia patients immediately following surgical procedures. Monitors the physical, psychological, safety, rehabilitative, and education needs of patients and their family members. Will adhere to necessary PACU policies and procedures.

- Monitors (heart rate, blood pressure, temperature and respiratory rate)
- Treating symptoms of postoperative nausea and vomiting
- Managing post-operative pain
- Treating post-anesthetic shivering
- Monitoring surgical site(s) for excessive bleeding, discharge, swelling, hematoma, redness, etc.

**Education:** Graduate of an accredited State Board of Nursing program. Current Registered Nurse in the State of Washington required. Ability to obtain Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS), and Pediatric Advance Life Support (PALS) certifications within 90 days of hire.

### **Minimum requirements:**

- Ability to work standing up for hours and ability to assist with moving and lifting patients as needed.
- IV Therapy experience (starting, discontinuing IVs, and administering medication).

### **Performance Requirements:**

#### *Knowledge:*

1. Knowledge and familiarity with current medications and treatments
2. Knowledge of pre-operative and post anesthesia care unit procedures and safety requirements

*Skills:*

1. Demonstrated competence in area of Orthopedics
2. Accuracy, attention to detail, and efficient
3. Maintain effective and organized systems to ensure timely patient flow
4. Demonstrate proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation while charting
5. Documenting patientcare provided in a complete, accurate, and timely manner
6. Communicate effectively with patients, family members, care givers, and all healthcare professionals within the facility

*Abilities:*

1. Lift and position patients as appropriate for procedure being done
2. To work in an intermittently fast paced, high volume environment
3. Apply written instructions and standardized work practices.
4. Ability to make judgments on/respond to disasters/emergencies, actual events, or drills.

**Equipment Operated:** Must be able to operate, maneuver, or use the following equipment; pre-op (i.e., vital sign monitors, blanket warmer, PT/INR Machine, Glucometer, and refrigerators, EKG, and SDCs).

**Work Environment:** Well-lit and ventilated, with non-hazardous equipment. Involves occasional occupational exposure to blood and other potentially infectious body fluids and materials

**Mental/Physical Requirements:** Must have the ability to tolerate long periods of sitting, walking or standing; lift equipment and supplies between 25 and 50 pounds; assist with lifting and position patients weighing up to 200 pounds. Must possess fine motor and visual acuity skills.