



FAQ 2024 – for Anaesthetic Technicians in the Perioperative workplace requesting support from Nurses.

*PNC members have requested these answers and we are sharing them with the wider membership.
If you have any further questions, please email on Periopchair@gmail.com*

Primarily, ensure that Nursing students are still in training programmes in your area by preceptoring them in your area.

As this is a new change for our environment, PNC is still waiting for information from AUT regarding learning objectives and supervision. Before this information is available, discuss with your line manager if you are not comfortable supervising an anaesthetic technician student without all the required information.

Do I have to supervise the student?

You do not have to agree as you require the following information – learning objectives, scope of practice and how to assess competency. PNC is asking for the above information and has yet to receive the information to support you.

Am I required to be accountable for them in the Operating Theatre/Room?

No - Accountability for the Student is Auckland University of Technology (AUT) and the Te Whatu Ora representative/supervisor (Anaesthetic Technician Educator/ Chief of Allied Professions)

I have been instructed to sign a logbook; What I am signing and why?

Refer this request back to the Anaesthetic Technician to sign the logbook as this is about time within the department not learning objectives, competencies, or scope of practice.

What are they required to do in my area?

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How do I know what to teach them?

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The model of staffing in OR/IVR is changing what do I do?

Ring NZNO and inform PNC using the following email address, Periopchair@gmail.com

Am I going to get into trouble if they make a mistake?

Maintain your obligations to perioperative patient safety by reporting any near miss or potential mistake by following your reportable event processes. Don't assume responsibility.

If you have concerns about a students practice, highlight this to their preceptor/supervisor in the organisation, their tertiary institution, and your line manager.

Who and what is the academic supervisor?

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Who do I feedback issues of safety and performance?

Accountability for the Student is AUT and the Te Whatu Ora Representative (Anaesthetic Technician Educator/ Chief of Allied Professions) Clinical line manager/ Anaesthetic Technician lead. Feedback



via email is recommended to the above including your Charge Nurse Manager.

How many students are going to rotate in this area?

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If you find out this information let PNC know at Periopchair@gmail.com

How long is the placements in each year 1? Or 2? Or 3?

This answer will come from the AUT Clinical Supervisor. Seek this information from the Anaesthetic Technician Lead.

Any further questions please email: Periopchair@gmail.com

In Nursing the following is required.

What Perioperative nurses know to support and guide and educate new to OR workforce.

- Preceptor course
- Knowledge of the curriculum
- Competencies
- Post registration experience
- PDRP profession structure
- Assessment tools.
- Include here the Definition of Competency from Nursing Council. *“Competence is the combination of skills, knowledge, attitudes, values and abilities that underpin effective performance as a nurse.”* (Web page reference) [Continuing Competence \(nursingcouncil.org.nz\)](http://nursingcouncil.org.nz)
- Key Principles

Ensure that you preceptor Nursing Students/Enrolled Nurse Support in to Practice (ENSIP)/NetP and CAP in your area.

Don't assume responsibility for the Anaesthetic Technician Student

Be professional – the issues are not of the students making.

Direct your concerns to the issues to appropriate Authority.

Don't question their choice – respect their choice of profession.

Inform PNC using the following email address: Periopchair@gmail.com

Maintain the obligations of Perioperative Patient Safety

Document your concerns or issues to PNC and your area managers.

Document and monitor the frequency of Nursing Students Nursing Students/Enrolled Nurse Support into Practice (ENSIP)/NetP and CAP in your area. IF this declines, please notify PNC on: Periopchair@gmail.com