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Sophia Simupande discusses the vital role of the preceptor in supporting the transition of new graduate nurses to the perioperative environment, based on a master's practicum project in which she outlines the role of the preceptor and the critical areas that they need to focus on to enhance practice in the perioperative environment.

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