

ORTH 113C : Orthopaedic Patient Care

Introduces patient care in an orthopaedic environment. Topics will include communication skills, practical skills associated with assisting the orthopaedic surgeon, an understanding of surgical procedures, aseptic techniques, surgical instrumentation, OSHA standards, medications, patient safety, patient transfers, and patient education. In the lab setting, students will learn to take blood pressure, pulse, and BMI measurements, as well as wound care and routine and emergency procedures. Students will be assigned to orthopaedic surgical suites for observation of procedures.

Credits 3

Lab/Practicum/Clinical Hours 2

Lecture Hours 2

Prerequisite Courses

ORTH 101C

ORTH 103C

ORTH 109C

Learning Outcomes

- Communicate with patients, their families, and other team members associated with their care.
- Take vital signs, properly care for wounds, remove sutures/staples, and provide crutch training.
- Understand how to properly triage a patient and record patient history in EMR systems.
- Explain surgical procedures and educate the patient and their families on recovery.
- Assist the surgeon by prepping injections, ordering proper tests, and understanding medications prescribed and their usage.