Overview: The purpose of this program was to standardize the orientation program for obstetric nurses learning to work in the pre-, intra- and post-operative environment. In addition, a rigorous competency program was developed to validate ongoing competency.

METHODS
Perioperative Orientation Overview:
32 hours didactic includes psychomotor skill demonstration, in-situ simulation, case observations, EHR instruction, classroom instruction, family centered cesarean education and knowledge assessment.

PACU Orientation Overview:
8 hours didactic includes classroom instruction, Phase I and post-cesarean birth recovery education, ECG course and ECG knowledge assessment.

Annual Competency Overview:
Includes demonstration of aseptic technique in intra-operative room set-up, opening supplies, abdominal prep, perineal prep/vaginal cleanse, ECG interpretation and knowledge of standards of care in the perioperative environment & aseptic practices.

OBJECTIVES
The learner will be able to:
1. Demonstrate competence in the obstetric perioperative environment using knowledge of AORN standards and principles of aseptic technique.
2. Demonstrate principles of family centered care throughout the pre-op, intra-op, and post-operative phase of care for patients undergoing cesarean birth.
3. Provide post-operative care to the obstetric patient during phase I and throughout the immediate post-operative cesarean birth recovery phase utilizing both ASPAN and AWHONN standards of care as well as knowledge of post-anesthesia care.
4. Interpret the ECG rhythm during the post-operative phase of care.

REFERENCES