

**Operating Room Nurse
(Traditional Position)**

AFSC 46S3

******CLOSEOUT DATE: INDEFINITE******

AUTHORIZED GRADE: Lieutenant Colonel

DUTY LOCATION: 166th Medical Group, New Castle County Airport, New Castle, DE.

Position is open to commissioned officers (LTC and below) and personnel seeking a commissioning opportunity, who meet the identified Specialty Qualifications.

SPECIALTY SUMMARY:

Provides professional nursing care within scope of practice, established standards of care and federal and state laws. Assesses, plans, implements, and evaluates perioperative nursing care. Plans, directs, and coordinates activities of the Operating Room Department. Coordinates with and makes recommendations to staff agencies concerning applicable policies, plans and programs. Participates in cross-functional collaboration to improve patient care delivery. Supports research activities. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260503.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Provides professional perioperative nursing care to patients undergoing surgery. Prepares and maintains operating room (OR) for surgical procedures. Ensures OR physical plan and equipment conform to national standards for patient and staff safety. Prepares operating suite with the type and quantity of material and special equipment needed for daily procedures and potential emergencies. Circulates and scrubs for surgical procedures. Responds to surgical emergencies such as cardiac, pulmonary, or respiratory failure and hemorrhage. Maintains open intra- and inter-department communication to improve patient care delivery. Conducts preoperative and postoperative visits. Discusses operative procedures with patients. Consults with the operating surgeon and establishes priorities of care for each patient entering the operating suite. Coordinates with recovery room, intensive care, obstetrics, and nursing units, as needed for postoperative care of the patient. Manages OR activities. Directs personnel in preparing, sterilizing, and maintaining operating room equipment and supplies. Supervises central sterile supply activities. Prepares concise and complete records and reports. Coordinates ongoing, in-service education program for OR nursing personnel.

SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of the perioperative process to include OR techniques and management is mandatory.

EDUCATION:

For entry into this specialty, meet entry level education requirements as defined in AFI 36-2005, *Appointment in Commissioned Grades and Designation and Assignment in Professional Categories*, para 6.3.1.2.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

Completion of an OR Nursing Course , training program or fellowship.

EXPERIENCE:

For award of 46S3, a minimum of 6 months in OR nursing and completion of Readiness Skills Verification Program requirements as defined in AFI 41-106, *Unit Level Management of Medical Readiness Programs* is mandatory. Time spent in OR Nursing Course and civilian OR nursing experience is creditable.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Individuals seeking a commission must graduate from the Academy of Military Science (AMS) prior to their 35th birthday (selection will be based on availability of AMS class dates). Candidates in exceptional circumstances can be commissioned up to age 40 if they have active service time.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

The following items must be included in the application package:

- **Resume**
- **Copy of AFOQT Scores**
- **Certified College Transcript**
- **Current Record Review Rip**
- **Printout of a current AF Physical Fitness Score (AF only; if currently serving in another branch of the service, please include equivalent documentation; N/A to non-prior service)**

Application packages must be forwarded to:

**166 FSS/FSM (ATTN: CMSgt Ottinger)
2600 Spruance Drive
New Castle, DE 19720-1615**

Following initial screening, resumes will be forwarded to 166 MDG/MAO for interview/selection process. Personnel having additional questions concerning the squadron should contact Lt Col Michael Pollock at Commercial: 302-323-3387, DSN 445-7387, or robin.pollock@ang.af.mil.