

### 1. Title of the certificate <sup>1</sup>

**Δίπλωμα Επαγγελματικής Ειδικότητας Εκπαίδευσης και Κατάρτισης Επιπέδου 5 Ειδικότητα Ι.Ε.Κ.:  
ΝΟΣΗΛΕΥΤΙΚΗ ΧΕΙΡΟΥΡΓΕΙΟΥ**

### 2. Translated title of the certificate <sup>2</sup>

**Vocational Training Diploma Initial Vocational Training (I.E.K.) Level 5. Specialty of I.E.K.:  
SURGICAL NURSING**

### 3. Profile of skills and competences

LEARNING OUTCOMES (KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, COMPETENCES). A typical holder of the certificate is able to:

#### KNOWLEDGE

- State the rules for sterilization - antisepsis - disinfection for operating theatre personnel, for the premises and tools / medicines / equipment / clothing used therein.
- Describe the technique for surgical antisepsis of hands and the method for handling sterilized material in the operating theatre (gowns, clothing, tool sets, etc.).
- State the normal range of the human vital signs (respiration, pulses, temperature and blood pressure).
- Distinguish between clean, clean-contaminated, dirty, and septic surgical operations.
- Describe the standard sites for placing and the method for stabilizing the patient on the surgical table, depending on the operation.
- Describe the basic principles of tool provision and the method for handling sterilized materials from the assistant nurse to the nurse.
- Describe the method for preparing the surgical field and the stages that lay under the responsibility of the assistant nurse.
- State the key machinery in the operating theatre and the main tools included in the surgical sets per specialty.
- Describe how the patient is safely carried from the operating table to the recovery room, depending on the type of operation and anaesthesia.
- Describe the steps for cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

#### SKILLS

- Obtain the necessary sterilized clothing and tools (gowns, sheets, surgical sets) under the instructions of the scrub nurse, depending on the type of the operation and the number of physicians.
- Participate in the proper and safe placement of the patient on the surgical table, after verifying his/her identity.
- Plug in the machinery (laparoscopy tower, operating theatre lights, suction, and diathermy) and sets them in operation / standby mode.
- Prepare the instrument table in accordance with the antisepsis - sterilization protocols and the scrub nurse's instructions.
- Count the materials (tools, dressings) placed on the instrument table.
- Help the physicians don the sterilized clothes and gloves.
- Supervise during the entire surgery any violations of aseptic conditions, informing the physicians and the scrub nurse.
- Count the materials and tools used, discarded or infected and replaces the suction bin when necessary.
- Supply the scrub nurse with the materials and tools requested during operation.
- Manage the dispatch of preparations sent for histological examination, as per the physicians' instructions.
- Supervise the preparation of the room for the next surgery.
- Complete and sign the surgery's sheet.
- Work together with the paramedic for the safe carrying of the patient to the recovery room, in accordance with the physicians' instructions.
- Promptly identify problems in the operation of the machines and participate in the resolution thereof.

#### COMPETENCES

- Work under the supervision of the responsible nursing and medical personnel.
- Work with reliability, respect, and confidentiality, as per the ethics of his/her profession.

<sup>1</sup> In the original language. | <sup>2</sup> If applicable. This translation has no legal status. | <sup>3</sup> If applicable.

#### 4. Range of occupations accessible to the holder of the certificate <sup>3</sup>

The holder of this diploma can be occupied in surgeries and post-operative recovery units in hospitals and clinics of the public or private sector.

The Vocational Training Diploma is recognised as a qualification for appointment in the public sector falling in the category S.E. (Secondary Education) according to the Presidential Decree no.50/2001 (Greek Official Gazette 39/Vol.A/5-3-2001).

#### 5. Official basis of the certificate

##### Body awarding the certificate

E.O.P.P.E.P.  
(National Organisation for the Certification of Qualifications and Vocational Guidance )  
Ethnikis Antistaseos 41 Avenue, 142 34 N. Ionia  
<https://www.eoppep.gr/>

##### Authority providing accreditation / recognition of the certificate

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##### Level of the certificate (national or European) <sup>1</sup>

Level 5 National and European Qualifications Framework

##### Grading scale / Pass requirements

- a) acquisition of the Vocational Training Certificate (V.E.K.) after successful completion of study at the Vocational Training Institute (I.E.K.)  
b) acquisition of the Vocational Training Diploma after:  
1. success in the theoretical part of Initial Vocational Training certification examinations (Grading scale = 1-20, Pass = 10) and  
2. success in the practical part of the Initial Vocational Training certification examinations (Pass/Fail)

##### Access to next level of education / training <sup>1</sup>

Yes

##### International agreements on recognition of qualifications<sup>1</sup>

No

##### Legal basis

Law 2009/1992 on the National System of Vocational Education and Training  
Law 4186/2013 on the Restructure of Secondary Education  
Law 4763/2020 on National System of Vocational Education, Training and Lifelong Learning

#### 6. Officially recognised ways of acquiring the certificate

Total duration of the education / training leading to the certificate  
Success in the the Initial Vocational Training certification examinations  
4 semesters (until law 4186/2013) / 5 semesters (after law 4186/2013)  
**7. Additional information**

##### Entry requirements <sup>1</sup>

Certificate of Upper Secondary School. Qualification of Level 4 (NQF/EQF) // Certificate Vocational Training School (SEK) – Qualification of Level 3 (NQF/EQF)  
Following the voting of L. 4763/2020, only by an Upper Secondary Education certificate or an equivalent title of studies (Qualification of Level 4 NQF/EQF)

##### Indicative subjects taught:

First Aid, Anatomy – Physiology – Pharmacology, Microbiology – Hygiene, Surgery I & II, Pathology, Gynecology – Pediatrics, Elements of Psychiatry – Neurology, Nursing I, Nursing II (Hospital Training), Surgery Nursing I & II, Surgery Nursing I & II (Hospital Training), Sterilization – Disinfection, Surgery Anaesthesiology – Blood Donation, Surgery Techniques – Emergencies Treatment, English, Computing.

##### More information

National Qualifications Framework : <https://nqf.gov.gr/> and <https://proson.eoppep.gr/en>

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<sup>1</sup> If applicable.