

Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) with an Emphasis in Health Administration

This program is offered by the College of Science and Health and is only available at the St. Louis main campus.

Entry into Practice

Program Description

The doctor of nurse anesthesia practice (DNAP) degree prepares students for expertise in the art and science of anesthesia. Nurse anesthesia is an evolving profession, sensitive to the needs of society and the profession. Individuals develop this expertise through a holistic and complex integration of affective, cognitive and psychomotor skills. The philosophy of Webster University's nurse anesthesia program is that graduate education is fundamental in preparation for practicing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist. Webster University also believes that the profession of anesthesia requires a scientific and dynamic approach to assist in the return to health. The professional nurse anesthetist provides a variety of health services to individual patients and underserved communities using a variety of theories. The practice of anesthesia involves assessment, planning, implementation, directing and evaluating the care process. The practice of nurse anesthesia is founded in a long tradition with numerous activities of the nurse anesthesia profession directed toward disease prevention, health maintenance, restoration, and rehabilitation. Strong moral, ethical, and legal codes are fundamental to the practice of nurse anesthesia. These codes are reflected in internal, external, independent, and interdependent behaviors.

Education at the graduate level is an expansion of the knowledge attained from undergraduate studies. Graduate education at Webster University encourages the development of advanced skills, theoretical knowledge and critical thinking skills to practice the art and science of anesthesia. The art and science of anesthesia are dynamic and require continued educational endeavors to stay abreast of current theory. Therefore, the nurse anesthetist must recognize the need to enhance one's knowledge and improve one's skills as a lifelong endeavor in the discipline of nurse anesthesia.

The curriculum spans three years of continuous enrollment.

Quality Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students should be able to:

- Professional:
 - Discuss and define the Scope of Practice of the CRNA.
 - Discuss current issues pertaining to the practice of nurse anesthesia.
 - Demonstrate professional attributes through attendance and participation in local, state and national professional organizational meetings and events.
 - Demonstrate strong ethics and personal integrity in all professional pursuits to include the delivery of quality and safe anesthesia to the community we serve.
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- Bachelor's degree in nursing or related field from a fully accredited institution.
- Prerequisite courses in organic chemistry (3 credit hrs.) OR biochemistry (3 credit hrs.) and physics (algebra-based, 3 credit hrs.), taken within the last 5 years. Labs are not required with these courses. All prerequisite courses should be completed, with grades received, prior to the application deadline.
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for undergraduate studies or evidence of outstanding post-graduation academic achievement.
- A minimum of one year of experience in a critical care setting as a professional registered nurse (two years preferred in an adult intensive care unit (ICU) setting)
- Current ACLS, BLS, and CCRN certification. (PALS certification is not required for admission, but is required by the end of the calendar year upon starting the program).
- A personal interview.

Application Process

Submit all the following documents to the Office of Admissions; address is below.

1. A completed Nurse Anesthesia Program application submitted online
2. A non-refundable application fee
3. Official transcripts from all universities, colleges, and professional schools

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