



DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE NURSE ANESTHESIA

Program Overview

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Nurse Anesthesia concentration prepares students as expert clinicians for every stage and setting in which anesthesia is delivered to patients. Students gain hands-on experience in a variety of regional (neuraxial and peripheral block) and general anesthesia techniques under the supervision of certified registered nurse anesthetists and MD faculty. From routine surgical cases to trauma and major burn situations, you'll work on a variety of scenarios to expertly prepare you for the challenges that lie ahead. Students who complete the full-time, 36-month program earn a DNP degree from Fairfield University.

Course of Study

Students are required to complete 77 credits. After a year of academics, students begin their clinical orientation and clinical practica. Upon graduation, students are eligible to sit for the certification examination administered by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists.

A minimum of 2,000 clinical practice hours, 600 cases and 250 immersion hours are required for the DNP (1 credit = 50 hours).

Curriculum Plan

FOUNDATION CORE

- Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- Research Methods for Evidence Based Practice
- Advanced Nursing Roles and Reflective Practice
- Advanced Healthcare Policy

ADVANCED PRACTICE CORE

- Advanced Health Assessment
- Advanced Pathophysiology for Anesthesia Practice
- Advanced Pharmacology

DNP CORE

- Population Health
- Research Translation for Clinical Practice
- Finance & Quality Management in Health Care Organizations
- Information Technology for Health Care Improvement
- Leadership & Interprofessional Collaboration
- DNP Immersion
- DNP Seminar I and II

ADVANCED PRACTICE SPECIALTY I AND II: NURSE ANESTHETIST

- Human Anatomy and Physiology for Nurse Anesthetists
- Pharmacologic Strategies in Anesthesia Practice
- Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice I, II, III, IV
- Chemistry and Physics for Nurse Anesthetists
- Regional Anesthesia and Pain Management in Clinical Practice
- Clinical Orientation/Specialty Rotations
- Clinical Practicum I
- Clinical Practicum II
- Clinical Practicum III
- Clinical Practicum IV
- Clinical Correlation Conference
- Clinical Practicum V

For detailed course descriptions, please visit www.fairfield.edu/catalogs.

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Practica

Nurse anesthesia students spend 21 months in the clinical arena working side-by-side with staff CRNAs and anesthesiologists. Clinical requirements average 32–40 hours of operating room time per week and by graduation, exceed the minimum clinical requirements set forth by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).

Program Director

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Admission Requirements

- An overall GPA of 3.2 or higher with a 3.2 science GPA
- Two semesters of biology, at least one semester of chemistry, one semester of microbiology, and one semester of college math. Physics is strongly recommended. Anatomy and physiology meet the biology requirement
- CCRN certification
- Copy of current RN license to practice in the state of Connecticut
- Current American Heart Association or American Red Cross BCLS, ACLS, and PALS certification (must be maintained while in the program)
- A minimum of one-year current critical care experience. A critical care area is defined as one where, the registered professional nurse manages one or more of the following: invasive hemodynamic monitors, cardiac assist devices, mechanical ventilation, and vasoactive infusions

Application Process

Applicants for the DNP must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and give a promise of meeting the standards set by the school.

Application Deadline: August 1 for summer admission

To be considered for admission, candidates must submit the following at fairfield.edu/applynow:

- Completed graduate application
- Non-refundable \$65 application fee
- Professional resume
- Personal Statement: Three pages, double spaced, stating your career goals and future contributions to the profession of nurse anesthesia

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- Two letters of recommendation; one must be from a current ICU nursing supervisor
- Official transcripts from all universities and colleges attended

Tuition/Financial Aid

Discover the many ways to finance a graduate education and explore tuition and fees at www.fairfield.edu/gradfa.

To reach the Office of Financial Aid, please contact 203-254-4125 or email finaid@fairfield.edu.

Contact the Office of Graduate Admission

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Nurse Anesthesia website:
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