

POST-BSN TO DNP - NURSE ANESTHESIA

The nurse anesthesia program is a 3-year, full-time program that spans 108 credit hours and is designed to integrate nursing science, ethics, and biophysical, psychosocial, and analytical knowledge. The program aims to provide students with the necessary skills and knowledge to offer safe, individualized, culturally competent anesthesia care across all age groups. Furthermore, the program places a strong emphasis on advocating for anesthesia practices that promote social justice and equity, while also leading interdisciplinary teams to develop, evaluate, and utilize evidence-based guidelines that affect anesthesia healthcare processes, quality, safety, and cost. Upon completion of the program, students will be well-equipped to make a positive impact on the field of anesthesia and improve patient outcomes.

Accreditation:

The Nurse Anesthesia Program is accredited by the Council of Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Programs (COA).

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The Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice, and APRN certificate programs at The University of Texas at San Antonio are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

BSN to DNP-Nurse Anesthesia admission requirements:

1. BSN degree from a CCNE, ACEN or NLNAC accredited program
2. Current licensure as an RN in Texas or hold a compact license with multi-state privileges that includes Texas
3. 3.0 GPA from last 60 hours of college coursework
4. Three professional references
5. For international applicants, TOEFL minimum requirements: Paper examination: 550 or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score minimum: 6.5
6. A completed basic statistics course taken within the last 5 years with a grade of **B** or higher
7. A completed Organic Chemistry or Biochemistry course with a grade of **B** or higher taken within the last 5 years
8. Minimum one year work experience in critical care as a registered nurse, two years preferred
9. BLS, ACLS and PALS certification
10. GRE score from exam taken within the last 5 years

Applicants submit required items through NursingCAS, a centralized application system.

Admission staff review and the top applicants are invited to interview and submit a writing sample.

The DNP-Nurse Anesthesia program requires full-time attendance. Invited applicants will meet with program faculty to discuss time and financial commitments. Per COA requirements, all students must attend full-time.

Degree Requirements and Graduation

For the Post-BSN to DNP CRNA degree, completion of 108.5 semester credit hours with an overall minimum GPA of 3.0, no more than one **C** in a required course, and no incomplete grades are required to be eligible for graduation. Certain final grades of **C** will result in student dismissal from the program. These courses are listed in the School of Nursing Catalog under Graduate Program Policies–Grading Policy for Fundamental APRN/Nurse Anesthesia Courses.

The program is designed to be completed in 36 months of full-time study. A clinical preceptorship is required.

Clinical/Practicum Hours

The Doctor of Nursing Practice requires that all students have 1,000 clinical/practicum hours post bachelors. DNP clinical/practicum hour requirements for nurses in the BSN to DNP program are 360 hours. The CRNA clinical/practicum hour requirements for nurses in the BSN to DNP program is 2160 hours. Students in the BSN to DNP-Nurse Anesthesia program will have a clinical ratio of 1:6, or 90 clinical hours per credit hour.

DNP Project

A hallmark of the practice doctorate is the DNP project that allows students to demonstrate the student's in-depth knowledge of their area of specialty practice and the synthesis of their coursework and practice application. The project is guided and evaluated by a primary faculty and secondary faculty (optional). The project results in a scholarly paper and presentation.

The focus of all DNP projects is on knowledge translation at multiple system levels. During the program, students work with faculty to begin exploring concepts related to their area of interest while evaluating sources of evidence related to the problem/need. The project will be defined through the DNP Seminar course. Based upon an assessment and evaluation of the evidence, the plan and design will be developed for a DNP project initiative

1. Integrate nursing science, ethics, and biophysical, psychosocial, and analytical knowledge to provide safe, individualized, culturally competent anesthesia care across the lifespan. (DNP program outcomes 1, 3, 5, 8)
2. Collaborate with interprofessional teams to enhance anesthesia care delivery and patient outcomes. (DNP program outcomes 6)
3. Evaluate and utilize evidence to implement, design and deliver anesthesia practice improvements. (DNP program outcomes 2, 3, 4, 5, 8)
4. Advocate for anesthesia practices that promote social justice and equity. (DNP program outcome 5)
5. Lead interprofessional teams to develop, evaluate and utilize evidence-based guidelines that affect anesthesia healthcare processes, quality, safety and cost. (DNP program outcomes 3, 5, 7)

First Year		Theory	Clinical	Lab	Cont	SCH
Fall Semester						
NURS 6229	Foundations of Scholarly Communication					2
NURS 7302	Leadership in Healthcare					3
NURS 6413	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology I					4
NURS 6315	Informatics & Health Care Technologies					3
NURS 6380	Epidemiology & Statistical Methods in Population Health					3
Spring Semester						
NURS 7320	Statistical Process Control and Quality Improvement Methods					3
CSAT 5022	Clinically-Oriented Human Anatomy					5.5
NURS 6302	Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics					3
NURS 7303	Knowledge Translation: Searching, Appraising and Synthesizing Evidence					3
Summer Semester						
NURS 6431	Advanced Pharmacology for Nurse Anesthesia					4
NURS 6432	Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology II					4
NURS 7304	Knowledge Translation: Designing and Implementing Evidence-Based Interventions					3
NURS 6250	Health Promotion and Population Health					2
Second Year						
Fall Semester						
NURS 7210	Nurse Anesthesia Principles I					2
NURS 7324	Healthcare Economics And Policy					3

NURS 7227	Introduction to Anesthesia Equipment, Technology & Clinical Practice				2
NURS 7322	Healthcare Policy Analysis and Advocacy				3
NURS 6321	Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning: Didactic				3
NURS 6121	Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning: Clinical Application	90			1
Spring Semester					
NURS 7326	Nurse Anesthesia Principles II				3
NURS 7410	Clinical Anesthesia Residency I	360			4
NURS 7328	DNP Project Problem Identification and Evidence Synthesis	90			3
Summer Semester					
NURS 7230	Nurse Anesthesia Principles III				2
NURS 7520	Clinical Anesthesia Residency II	450			5
NURS 73XX DNP Project 1		90			3
Third Year					
Fall Semester					
NURS 7340	Nurse Anesthesia Principles IV				3
NURS 7530	Clinical Anesthesia Residency III	450			5
NURS TBD: DNP Project 2		90			3
Spring Semester					
NURS 7319	Seminars in Nurse Anesthesia I				3
NURS 7540	Clinical Anesthesia Residency IV	450			5
NURS 7307	DNP Dissemination				3
Summer Semester					
NURS 7327	Seminars in Nurse Anesthesia II				3
NURS 7550	Clinical Anesthesia Residency V	450			5
NURS 7231	Professional Aspects of Nurse Anesthesia Practice				2
Total Credit Hours:		0.0	2430.0	90.0	0.0
					108.5