

BSN TO DNP: NURSE ANESTHESIA TRACK

The Nurse Anesthesia track prepares students as expert clinicians for every stage and in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered to patients. Because nurse anesthetists are responsible for direct patient care, students gain hands-on experience in providing anesthesia services to patients of all acuities across the lifespan. Students gain clinical experience in the provision of all forms of anesthesia, including regional (neuraxial and peripheral blocks) anesthesia, general anesthesia, and monitored anesthesia care under CRNA and M.D. faculty supervision. Students gain experience in all surgical subspecialties, including cardiac, thoracic, vascular, trauma, major burn, pediatrics, and high-risk obstetrical cases. Upon graduation, students are eligible to sit for the certification examination administered by the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA). Successful completion of this examination allows the new graduate to practice as a nurse anesthetist in all patient care settings. The DNP Nurse Anesthesia track requires 87 credits and a completion of a DNP Project.

Nurse Anesthesia Student Progression Requirements

- Students are required to maintain an overall grade point average of 3.00. If the GPA falls below 3.00 in any semester, the student is placed on probation for the following semester and has one semester to bring their GPA above 3.00. If the overall grade point average is again below 3.00 or the GPA falls below 3.00 a second time, the student will be dismissed from the program.
- A student is allowed to earn one B- in any NURS (DNP core nursing) course. A second grade of B- in any NURS course in any semester will result in dismissal from the program.
- A student who earns a grade below a B in any NSAN (anesthesia course) will be dismissed from the program.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Foundation Core Courses		
NURS 7601	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	3
NURS 7605	Advanced Health Policy	3
NURS 7608	Research Methods for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 7610	Advanced Nursing Roles and Reflective Practice	3
DNP Core Courses		
NURS 7611	Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health	3
NURS 7612	Research Translation for Clinical Practice	3
NURS 7613	Finance and Quality Management in Healthcare Organizations	3
NURS 7614	Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement	3
NURS 7615	Leadership and Interprofessional Collaboration	3
NURS 7687	DNP Immersion ¹	5
NURS 7697	DNP Seminar I	1
NURS 7699	DNP Seminar II	1

Advanced Practice Core Courses

NURS 7604	Advanced Health Assessment	4
NURS 7641	Advanced Pharmacology	3

Nurse Anesthesia Courses

NURS 7670	Human Anatomy and Physiology for Nurse Anesthetists	3
NSAN 7669	Advanced Pathophysiology for Anesthesia Practice	4
NSAN 7671	Chemistry and Physics for Nurse Anesthetists	3
NSAN 7672	Pharmacologic Strategies in Anesthesia Practice	3
NSAN 7673	Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice I	2
NSAN 7674	Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice II	3
NSAN 7675	Clinical Orientation and Specialty Rotations	1
NSAN 7676	Regional Anesthesia and Pain Management in Clinical Practice	2
NSAN 7677	Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice III	3
NSAN 7678	Clinical Correlation Conference	2
NSAN 7679	Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice IV	2
NSAN 7956	Nurse Anesthesia Residency I	3
NSAN 7957	Nurse Anesthesia Residency II	3
NSAN 7958	Nurse Anesthesia Residency III	4
NSAN 7959	Nurse Anesthesia Residency IV	4
NSAN 7960	Nurse Anesthesia Residency V	4

Total Credits 87

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Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Summer		
NURS 7611	Social and Behavioral Determinants of Health	3
NURS 7670	Human Anatomy and Physiology for Nurse Anesthetists	3
NSAN 7671	Chemistry and Physics for Nurse Anesthetists	3
NSAN 7673	Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice I	2
Credits		11
Fall		
NSAN 7669	Advanced Pathophysiology for Anesthesia Practice	4
NSAN 7672	Pharmacologic Strategies in Anesthesia Practice	3
NSAN 7674	Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice II	3
Credits		10
Spring		
NURS 7601	Epidemiology and Biostatistics	3
NURS 7604	Advanced Health Assessment	4

NURS 7608	Research Methods for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NSAN 7677	Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice III	3
Credits		13
Second Year		
Summer		
NURS 7641	Advanced Pharmacology	3
NSAN 7675	Clinical Orientation and Specialty Rotations	1
NSAN 7676	Regional Anesthesia and Pain Management in Clinical Practice	2
NSAN 7679	Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice IV	2
Credits		8
Fall		
NURS 7610	Advanced Nursing Roles and Reflective Practice	3
NURS 7613	Finance and Quality Management in Healthcare Organizations	3
NURS 7687	DNP Immersion ¹	1
NSAN 7956	Nurse Anesthesia Residency I	3
Credits		10
Spring		
NURS 7612	Research Translation for Clinical Practice	3
NURS 7615	Leadership and Interprofessional Collaboration	3
NURS 7687	DNP Immersion	1
NSAN 7957	Nurse Anesthesia Residency II	3
Credits		10
Third Year		
Summer		
NURS 7605	Advanced Health Policy	3
NURS 7687	DNP Immersion	1
NSAN 7958	Nurse Anesthesia Residency III	4
Credits		8
Fall		
NURS 7614	Information Technology for Healthcare Improvement	3
NURS 7687	DNP Immersion	1
NURS 7697	DNP Seminar I	1
NSAN 7959	Nurse Anesthesia Residency IV	4
Credits		9
Spring		
NURS 7687	DNP Immersion	1
NURS 7699	DNP Seminar II	1
NSAN 7678	Clinical Correlation Conference	2
NSAN 7960	Nurse Anesthesia Residency V	4
Credits		8
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