The Nurse Anesthesia program is accredited by The Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA), the accrediting agency for nurse anesthesia programs in the United States.

WHY SCRANTON?
Excellence in academic and professional competencies. Jesuit values. Successful outcomes. You’ll find all of this – and more – when you choose The University of Scranton for your Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Our dedicated faculty will work alongside you as you pursue a higher level of education through our nationally accredited program.

AT A GLANCE
• Full-time, rigorous, and comprehensive 36-month program
• Opportunity to integrate classroom content with direct application of advanced techniques in the provision of anesthesia care to patients throughout the lifespan
• Clinical skills are learned in a variety of environments, each of which offers experiences in the anesthetic management of specialized patient populations
• Students exposed to faculty with extensive professional nursing practice experience and expertise

ONE-TO-ONE LEARNING
Faculty Engagement

PERSONAL ATTENTION
• Learn from an incomparable faculty comprised of skillful educators who pride themselves in their teaching, research and service.
• Gain practical knowledge from faculty who bring significant clinical work experiences to the classroom experience.
• Work alongside a faculty member who will assist with personal academic planning throughout the program.

GETTING RECOGNIZED
Results, reputation & ethics drive our education.

The first Nurse Anesthesia DNP cohort started in 2019 with the expected graduation in 2022.
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The Doctorate of Nursing Practice - Nurse Anesthesia track is a 36-month, full-time educational program for post-baccalaureate registered nurses who are seeking the opportunity to become Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists. The curriculum includes didactic coursework, simulation laboratory, and clinical experiences at the programs Affiliated Clinical Sites where you will gain over 2,000 hours of clinical experience and participate with patients whose ages range throughout the lifespan.

**FIRST YEAR:**
The first year of the program includes didactic coursework that is carried out both in-person and via distance education formats. The focus of this first year is developing and exercising the knowledge and skills related to integrating evidence-based practice into the students’ clinical knowledge.

**SECOND YEAR:**
The students begin to develop the knowledge and clinical skills related to the practice of anesthesia through didactic coursework and simulation laboratory sessions. Students are given the knowledge to administer safe anesthesia in the clinical area.

**THIRD YEAR:**
During the final year, the students will be expected to demonstrate safe clinical practice through varied experiences. Case management becomes more independent and complex during the clinical residencies. Program completion includes synthesis of knowledge through the culmination of the DNP scholarly project and portfolio presentation and preparation for the National Certification Exam which is taken after graduation.

**FIRST YEAR (36 credits for degree)**

**SUMMER:**
- NURS 520: Advanced Pharmacology
- NURS 593: Research Methodology and Application

**FALL:**
- NURS 504: Anatomy and Physiology for Nurse Anesthesia
- NURS 514: Chemistry and Physics for Nurse Anesthesia
- NURS 517: Advanced Pharmacology of Nurse Administered Anesthesia I
- NURS 700: Epidemiology and Biostatistics
- NURS 710: Information Systems and Health Care Technology

**SPRING:**
- NURS 510: Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology
- NURS 518: Advanced Pharmacology of Nurse Administered Anesthesia II
- NURS 520: Nurse Anesthesia Principles I

**SECOND YEAR (26 credits for degree)**

**SUMMER:**
- NURS 530: Advanced Clinical Assessment
- NURS 530L: Advanced Clinical Assessment Lab
- NURS 539: Nurse Anesthesia Principles II
- NURS 539L: Nurse Anesthesia Principles II Lab

**FALL:**
- NURS 540: Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum I
- NURS 549: Nurse Anesthesia Principles III
- NURS 549L: Nurse Anesthesia Principles III Lab
- NURS 760: Advanced Health Care Policy

**SPRING:**
- NURS 550: Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum II
- NURS 559: Nurse Anesthesia Principles IV
- NURS 770: Organizational and Systems Leadership for Nurse Anesthesia

**THIRD YEAR (21 credits for degree)**

**SUMMER:**
- NURS 765: Nurse Anesthesia Residency and DNP Scholarship I

**FALL:**
- NURS 775: Nurse Anesthesia Residency and DNP Scholarship II

**SPRING:**
- NURS 785: Nurse Anesthesia Synthesis and Residency III

**ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE**
The application deadline for the Nurse Anesthesia program is October 1st. All admission requirements for the NA specialization must be met by the application deadline. Applicants for the program must meet the following criteria:

- Possess a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a CCNE, ACEN or CNEA accredited program
- Have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 or other evidence of ability to complete successfully a graduate program such as grades in other post-baccalaureate courses, scores from national graduate school entrance examinations or a record of progressively higher work experiences
- Current U.S. unencumbered registered nurse license
- Minimum of one year of critical care nursing experience within five years of application (critical nursing practice experience form)
- 300-word statement of intention identifying career goals, demonstrating communication and writing skills
- Three letters of recommendation, preferably from a manager or supervisor, a healthcare provider, or nursing faculty member. Letters should speak to applicant’s ability to be successful in the DNP program, addressing items such as clinical skills, critical thinking, independent decision making, and collaborative skills with other health professionals, nursing leadership, etc.
- Current Basic Cardiac Life Support for the Healthcare Provider (BCLS) certification
- Current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification
- Current Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification
- Completed two courses in college chemistry
- Satisfactory completion of undergraduate or equivalent approved courses in basic physical assessment
- Completed statistics course
- Critical care certifications are strongly recommended, but not required. For example, CCRN, CMC, etc.

**WHAT NEXT?**

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