



DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE IN ANESTHESIA NURSING (DNP) (BAYLOR-ARMY)

The DNP in Nurse Anesthesia is a U.S. Army affiliated program. The U.S. Army has prepared Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) for nearly 50 years and their students have earned graduate degrees through university-based affiliations since 1981. The U.S. Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing (USAGPAN) produces virtually all active duty CRNAs and has averaged 28 graduates per year for the past ten years. The USAGPAN program is fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) and will be included in the LHSO DNP program accreditation currently held by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The USAGPAN historically ranks among the nation's top nursing anesthesia programs and is currently ranked 8th out of 113 accredited programs by U.S. News & World Report.

The USAGPAN is a rigorous 2-phase 36-month program, with phase 1 consisting of 52 weeks of didactic instruction at the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, U.S. Army Health Readiness Center of Excellence, Joint Base San Antonio, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Phase 2 consists of 97 weeks of didactic and clinical instruction conducted at select Medical Treatment Facilities affiliated with the Army, Department of Defense, Veterans Administration, and private sector. Among the current sites utilized for clinical instruction are Brooke Army Medical Center, Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Womack Army Medical Center, Madigan Army Medical Center, Tripler Army Medical Center, and Memphis VA Medical Center. The overall program credit hours total 122 taught by a combined cadre of 37 highly qualified faculty.

The U.S. Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing matriculates Army and VA registered nurses. Graduates of the Baylor-USAGPAN will be placed in CRNA positions with the U.S. Army or VA Health System. The US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing students are educated in a manner that encourages independent thought and critical decision-making skills during times of great stress, both physical and emotional. As the sole providers of anesthesia under many circumstances in the Army, CRNAs need to rely on their skills and training to save the lives of soldiers and beneficiaries.

Admission Requirements:

Candidates seeking admission to the USAGPAN must meet the following minimum qualifications:

1. BSN from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program*
2. Two years "time on station" by the date that PCS is required. *VA and Direct Accession applicants are exempt from this active duty requirement.*
3. Undergraduate GPA of 3.0 and an overall science GPA of 3.0
4. Undergraduate statistics course.
5. Undergraduate class in either Biochemistry or Organic Chemistry.
6. At least one year of experience as a Registered Nurse in a critical care setting, defined by the Council on Accreditation:

"Critical care experience must be obtained in a critical care area within the United States, its territories, or a US military hospital outside of the United States. During this experience, the registered professional nurse is to have developed critical decision-making and psychomotor skills, competency in patient assessment, and the ability to use and interpret advanced monitoring techniques. A critical care area is defined as one

where, on a routine basis, the registered professional nurse manages one or more of the following: invasive hemodynamic monitors (such as pulmonary artery catheter, CVP, arterial); cardiac assist devices; mechanical ventilation; and vasoactive infusions. Examples of critical care areas may include but are not limited to: SICU, CCU, MICU, PICU, NICU. Those who have experience in other areas may be considered provided they can demonstrate competence with managing unstable patients, invasive monitoring, ventilators, and critical care pharmacology.”

7. GRE within five years: Competitive GRE score.
8. Write a formal letter on your Goals and Objectives: Tell us why you want to become a CRNA and why you want to be a CRNA in the United States Army.
9. Letters of recommendation:
 - A. Army Reserve & Civilian Applicants: Army CRNA Phase 2 Site Director**, Supervisor, and one other letter.
 - B. Veterans Administration Applicants: Letter of support for your upward mobility within the VA from your Nurse Executive (member of the Pentad), Supervisor, and one other.
 - C. Army Active Duty Applicants: Army CRNA Phase 2 Site Director (if assigned at a Phase 2 site) ***, Supervisor, and one other letter.

**All Army Direct Accession applicants must have a Phase 2 interview. Direct Accession applicants (Reserve & Civilian) will have a 3-day Phase 2 interview coordinated by their healthcare recruiter.

***Active Duty applicants not assigned to a Phase 2 site must coordinate with their hospital's Chief CRNA to schedule OR observation and an interview with a USAGPAN faculty member.

The following are additional important applicant requirements:

- You must meet the requirements for accession onto active duty as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps ([see your nearest health care recruiter](#)). For civilians or reservists, there is no “time on station” requirement because you will enter active duty specifically to attend our program. All requirements for your active duty appointment must be completed prior to the date you enter active duty (usually by February of the year school begins).
- Baylor University Louise Herrington School of Nursing selection is a separate and distinct admission process. You must be selected for both an active duty appointment and selected for admission to the USAGPAN program by Baylor University Louise Herrington School of Nursing.
- At least one year of Critical Care Nursing experience is required as defined by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA). CCRN/CEN is preferred.



Phase 1/Year 1

SU	MNUR 6411	Biochemistry for Nurse Anesthesia	4
SU	MNUR 6612	Advanced A&P and Pathophysiology 1	6
SU	MNUR 6513	Advanced Pharmacology for Nurse Anesthesia 1	5
SU	MNUR 6321	Health Care Informatics	3
			18 SH
FL	MNUR 6514	Advanced A&P and Pathophysiology 2	5
FL	MNUR 6631	Fundamentals of Nurse Anesthesia Practice 1	6
FL	MNUR 6422	Research and Statistical Methods	4
FL	MNUR 6132	Clinical Concepts of Nurse Anesthesia Practice 1	1
FL	MNUR 6233	Regional Anesthesia & Ultrasound Science 1	2
			18 SH
SP	MNUR 6415	Advanced Pharmacology for Nurse Anesthesia 2	4
SP	MNUR 6735	Fundamentals of Nurse Anesthesia Practice 2	7
SP	MNUR 6434	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnosis	4
SP	MNUR 6323	Research Evidence into Practice	3
SP	MNUR 6136	Clinical Concepts of Nurse Anesthesia Practice 2	1
SP	MNUR 6237	Regional Anesthesia & Ultrasound Science 2	2
			21 SH
			Total
			57 SH

Phase 2 / Year 2

SU	MNUR 6341	Professional Aspects of Nurse Anesthesia Practice via DL	3
SU	MNUR 6371	DNP Scholarly Project 1: Design and Ethical Consideration of Practice Application	3
FL	MNUR 6342	Healthcare Management via DL	3
FL	MNUR 6661	Nurse Anesthesia Role Development 1	6
FL	MNUR 6551	Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum 1	5
SP	MNUR 6343	Health Policy and Law via DL	3
SP	MNUR 6344	Leadership in Advanced Practice Nursing via DL	3
SP	MNUR 6662	Nurse Anesthesia Role Development 2	6
SP	MNUR 6552	Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum 2	5
			Total
			37 SH

Phase 2 / Year 3

SU	MNUR 6372	DNP Scholarly Project 2: Applying Practice Knowledge—Implementation/Outcomes	3
FL	MNUR 6663	Nurse Anesthesia Role Development 3	6
FL	MNUR 6553	Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum 3	5
FL	MNUR 6373	DNP Scholarly Project 3: Dissemination of Practice Inquiry	3
SP	MNUR 6664	Nurse Anesthesia Role Development 4	6
SP	MNUR 6554	Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum 4:	5
			Total
			28 SH
			GRAND TOTAL
			122 SH

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