The U.S. Army has prepared top quality Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) for nearly 50 years. Our graduates began earning a Masters Degree through our University-based affiliations in 1969. We produce the majority of active duty Army CRNAs and provide specialized training in field anesthesia to ensure that our graduates are qualified to deploy in times of war, civil disorder, natural disasters or for humanitarian missions.

Successful completion of this program now culminates in a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the Louise Herrington School of Nursing, Baylor University and qualification to take the Certification Exam for Nurse Anesthetists.

USAGPAN is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).

The following represents a summary of the application and admission requirements for the U.S. Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing:

1. BSN from an ACEN or CCNE accredited program.
2. Two years "time on station" by required PCS date (Active Duty).
3. Overall BSN GPA of 3.0 and science GPA of 3.0.
4. Undergraduate or graduate statistics course.
5. Undergraduate or graduate course in Biochemistry or Organic Chemistry.
6. At least one year of Critical Care Nursing experience as defined by the Council on Accreditation (COA). CCRN/CEN preferred.
7. Competitive GRE scores (300 combined score Preferred, 3.5 writing required)
8. Letters of recommendation from Army CRNA Phase 2 Program Director (all applicants) and Chief Nursing Officer (active duty)
9. Department of Veteran’s Affairs applicants should consult their service for their service specific requirements (Application process includes additional VA selection board).

https://www.baylor.edu/nursing/armydnp/
The US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing provides student instruction in a manner that encourages independent thought and critical decision-making during times of great physical and emotional stress. Army nurse anesthetists are often sole anesthesia providers and have to rely on their skills and training, in consultation with the surgeons, to save soldiers’ lives.

Admission requirements for CIVILIANS and RESERVISTS differ in a few very important aspects. The best source for the most current information is your local Army health care recruiter. The following describes some of the most important differences:

1. You must meet the requirements for accession onto active duty as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. 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 January of the year school begins).

2. Baylor University admission is a separate and distinct process. You must be selected for both an active duty appointment and selected for admission to the USAGPAN through Baylor University.

3. You must have at least one full year of Critical Care experience. CCRN/CEN preferred.

4. The application deadline is August 15th. It is highly encouraged to submit your application as early as possible. The admission board will be held in late August of each year.

Helpful Web Sites

USAGPAN Homepage
https://www.baylor.edu/nursing/armydnp/

Army Medical Department Center and School Home Page:

Baylor University Louise Herrington School of Nursing:
https://www.baylor.edu/nursing/index.php?id=928836

Course Curriculum

Research and Statistical Methods
Advanced Anatomy and Physiology/Pathophysiology 1 & 2
Biochemistry for Nurse Anesthesia
Advanced Pharmacology 1 & 2
Professional Aspects of Nurse Anesthesia Practice
Fundamentals of Nurse Anesthesia Practice 1 & 2
Leadership in Advanced Practice Nursing
Research Evidence into Practice
Health Care Informatics
Health Care Policy and Law
Health Care Management
Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnosis
Clinical Concepts of Nurse Anesthesia Practice 1 & 2
Regional Anesthesia & Ultrasound Science 1 & 2
Nurse Anesthesia Role Practicum 1,2,3,4
Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum 1,2,3,4
DNP Scholarly Project 1,2,3

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