

NURSE ANESTHESIA PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Criteria	MSN	Post-Masters Certificate
Admissions Application	Graduate Admissions Application	
GPA	A minimum 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in both the BSN and general science coursework	A minimum 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in both the BSN and general science coursework
GRE/MAT scores	Acceptable GRE /MAT scores required and taken within 5 years of application. Waived for GPA 3.5 or higher and science GPA >3.25	Not required
Transcripts	Official transcripts from all previous educational institutions are required. A minimum 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in both the BSN and general science coursework	Official transcripts from all previous educational institutions are required. A minimum 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in the BSN, MSN, and general science coursework
References	Three references required from the following who can attest to the applicant's clinical knowledge, skill, and potential aptitude for graduate study. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurse Manager • Physician or Professor • Clinical Supervisor or Clinical Educator 	Three references required from the following who can attest to the applicant's clinical knowledge, skill, and potential aptitude for graduate study. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurse Manager • Physician or Professor • Clinical Supervisor or Clinical Educator
Curriculum Vitae	Required	Required
Personal Statement	Describe past professional and educational accomplishments and future goals for graduate nurse anesthesia education	Describe past professional and educational accomplishments and future goals for graduate nurse anesthesia education
Previous Work Experience	Minimum two years recent full-time critical care experience that provides the applicant the ability to assess and manage critically ill patients with varying levels of acuity. Applicants whose professional work experience includes the emergency department or post anesthesia care unit will be considered for admission based on adequate experience with invasive monitoring, vasoactive drug titration, and mechanically ventilated patients.	Minimum two years recent full-time critical care experience that provides the applicant the ability to assess and manage critically ill patients with varying levels of acuity. Applicants whose professional work experience includes the emergency department or post anesthesia care unit will be considered for admission based on adequate experience with invasive monitoring, vasoactive drug titration, and mechanically ventilated patients.
Interview	Required	Required
Licensure	Licensed or eligibility for licensure as a registered nurse in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Current BLS, ACLS and PALS Certifications are required and must be maintained throughout the program.	Licensed or eligibility for licensure as a registered nurse in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Current BLS, ACLS and PALS Certifications are required and must be maintained throughout the program.
TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)	International graduates and other applicants, as below , must have satisfactory scores.	

*International Applicants, as well as Immigrants to the U.S. and U.S. Permanent Residents, whose native language is not English, and who have **not received a Bachelor's degree or higher** in the U.S., Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand or the United Kingdom, and show proficiency in English speaking as well as listening, writing and reading. US citizens born on US military bases abroad may be waived from the TOEFL requirement after providing documentation of this status. Otherwise, applicants must meet one of the following requirements:

- If you take the new **TOEFLiBT exam** you are required to have a minimum combined score for the listening, writing and reading sections of **79 Plus a speaking section score of 26 or higher.**
- If you take the TOEFL, you are required to have a minimum score of 550 or higher and a Test of Spoken English score (TSE) of 55 or higher

The Nurse Anesthesia program utilizes a rolling admission process, with interviews being conducted throughout the year. Candidates who meet the admission criteria are invited for a personal interview with the program's admission committee. The above criteria and personal interview will serve as the basis to accept/reject each candidate. Candidates will be notified of the committee's decision approximately two to four weeks after the interview. Candidates who are accepted into the program are eligible to take MSN core courses prior to beginning the program fulltime.

Current Drexel University undergraduate nursing students who demonstrate an exceptional academic and clinical aptitude and are interested in pursuing a career in Nurse Anesthesia may apply for the Early Acceptance Assurance program.