Doctor of Nursing Practice
Nurse Anesthesia Program

Concentration Description
The 90-semester-hour Nurse Anesthesia Program prepares professional nurses as practitioners of nurse anesthesia eligible for national certification.

Requirements for Admission
Admission to the doctor of nursing practice, nurse anesthesia program requires the student to meet the minimum admission requirements for graduate study of the university and the following requirements of the College of Nursing:

- One official transcript from each college or university attended
- A baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited program
- A preferred minimum undergraduate BSN GPA of 3.0
- Satisfactory performance on Test of Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores where English is not the first language. Students on foreign student visas must present evidence of professional standing in their respective countries.
- Acceptable score on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within past five years
- Current non-restricted license to practice as a registered nurse (RN) in order to apply (Must have current non-restricted license to practice as a RN in North Carolina upon admission to the program)
- Must have one year adult critical care experience as a RN
- Current ACLS Certification required for application and PALS Certification required prior to admission
- A statement describing the applicant’s interest in graduate study, career goals and the DNP degree’s relationship to those goals
- Four professional references (two on forms provided in nurse anesthesia addendum packet)
- Completion of a supplemental nurse anesthesia admissions addendum packet (this packet can be obtained by calling 252.744.6373)
- Courses in physiology and chemistry/biochemistry required (within five years are highly recommended)
- A personal interview with a member of the Nurse Anesthesia Admissions Committee
- A course in statistics with a grade of “C” or higher

Requirements for Clinical Courses
Information regarding clinical requirements can be found in the ECU College of Nursing Student Handbook at: https://nursing.ecu.edu/wp-content/py-uploads/sites/2012/2018/09/grad_handbook.pdf Upon admission all graduate students are required to complete a criminal background check. Students will receive specific instructions from the Office of Student Services on how to complete this process.

Sample Curriculum Plan – Full-Time

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Interprofessional Leadership for excellence in Practice, Policy and Ethics 3  
NURS 8270 | NURS 8810  
Population Health in Advanced Interdisciplinary Practice 3  
NURS 8270 | NURS 8813  
Semester Total 6  
Chem and Physics of Anesthesia 4  
NURS 8270 | Semester Total 12  
NURS 8270  
Fall Semester  
NURS 6610 | PTHE 8008  
Health Assessment for Advanced Nursing Practice 3  
NURS 8261 | NURS 8814  
Conceptual Foundations and Application of Practice Translational Science 3  
NURS 8261 | NURS 8817  
NURS 8267 | Clinical Correlations I 2  
NURS 8267  
Semester Total 3  
Year Total 12  
NURS 8273 | NURS 8819  
Healthcare Finance 3  
NURS 8819  
Semester Total 3  
Year Total 18 |
| **Third-Year Students** | **Fourth-Year Students** |
| **Spring Semester** | **Spring Semester**  |
| NURS 8272 | NURS 8812  
Doctor of Nursing Practice Project II 3  
NURS 8815 | NURS 8812  
Advanced Principles in Nurse Anesthesia II 3  
NURS 8820 | NURS 8823  
Clinical Practicum of Nurse Anesthesia II 4  
NURS 8820  
Semester Total 10  
NURS 8823  
Semester Total 9  
NURS 8823  
Curriculum Total 90 |
| **Summer Semester** |  
NURS 8274 |  
Doctor of Nursing Practice Project III 3  
NURS 8821 |  
NURS 8816  
Clinical Practicum in Nurse Anesthesia III 4  
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**Semester Total** 10  
**Year Total** 29

**Requirements for Graduation**

- All graduate students are required to maintain a grade average of “B.” Additional minimum requirements apply in each concentration.
- Graduation application must be submitted at least one semester prior to completing the degree requirements as stated in the graduate catalog.
- Students who do not register for courses for a semester must complete an electronic readmission form (available at [www.ecu.edu/gradschool/](http://www.ecu.edu/gradschool/) and in the Graduate School Office).
- DNP students are required to keep graduate program/health requirements and liability insurance requirements up to date throughout their clinical courses.
- Upon completion of the Nurse Anesthesia Program the student will be eligible to sit for NBCRNA National Certification Examination (NCE) to become Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA).

The ECU College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs. COA, 222 S. Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Phone: 847.655.1160. Website: [http://coacrna.org](http://coacrna.org)

The Doctor of Nursing Practice Program at East Carolina University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 510, Washington, DC 20036. Phone: 202.955.6126.

**The University**

The university is the third largest in the University of North Carolina system (UNC), which consists of the state’s sixteen degree-granting public institutions. ECU is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral degrees and is designated as an academic health center by the Association of American Health Centers. Governed by its own Board of Trustees, which is responsible to the UNC Board of Governors, ECU offers 80 departmental certificates, 93 baccalaureate degree programs, 76 master’s degree programs, two specialist degree programs, six first professional programs, and 15 doctoral programs in our professional colleges, the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Dental Medicine, and the Brody School of Medicine. It confers more than 5,800 degrees annually and it has approximately 160,000 alumni.

For more information, contact [mcauliffem@ecu.edu](mailto:mcauliffem@ecu.edu)

Nurse Anesthesia website: [https://nursing.ecu.edu/dnp/crna/](https://nursing.ecu.edu/dnp/crna/)

or [www.pirateanesthesia.org](http://www.pirateanesthesia.org)

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