



South College

SCHOOL OF NURSING

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE WITH CONCENTRATION IN NURSE ANESTHESIA PROGRAM

The South College Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) with a Concentration in Nurse Anesthesia Program (NAP) is a three-year hybrid program offering synchronous and asynchronous online didactic courses, on-ground immersion learning, and multiple satellite clinical sites located across the country. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) make up the largest percentage of practicing anesthesia providers

in the United States in a field with growing demand. Pursuing a DNP with a Concentration in Nurse Anesthesia at South College will provide interprofessional education from a range of associated medical fields, a proven online infrastructure with strong support, cutting-edge simulation lab experiences, and expert faculty members with established histories of excellence in Nurse Anesthesia education and distance education methods.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

- ❑ Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from a program accredited either by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
- ❑ Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all post-secondary coursework.
- ❑ Science course GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- ❑ Unencumbered, current RN license in applicant's state of residence or practice.
- ❑ Current resume or CV.
- ❑ Composition of a 500-600-word personal statement addressing career goals.
- ❑ Three letters of recommendation.
 - ❑ At least two from healthcare professionals
 - ❑ One must be from a critical care supervisor (nurse or physician)
 - ❑ One may be a personal letter of reference if desired or a letter from an educator
- ❑ One year of critical care (ICU) experience at the time of application to the program.
- ❑ Two occasions of shadowing a CRNA or an anesthesiologist; one MUST be with a CRNA.
- ❑ Face-to-face interview with program faculty.

HOW TO APPLY

- ❑ Create a NursingCAS account at www.NursingCAS.org and select South College as your school of interest.
- ❑ Complete the NursingCAS application. You can save your work and come back before submitting.
 - ❑ Answer all required questions.
 - ❑ Write an essay.
 - ❑ Submit recommendation letters.
 - ❑ Send a copy of your transcript to NursingCAS.
- ❑ The South College Nurse Anesthesia Program will review your verified NursingCAS application.
- ❑ Attend your admissions interview.

Invitations to an admissions interview will be extended to qualified applicants based on a holistic application review.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) with a Concentration in Nurse Anesthesia Program (NAP) is pending initial accreditation by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA). The program may accept applications and extend offers of admission but may not enroll students until a favorable accreditation decision is rendered. DNP with Concentration in Nurse Anesthesia Program is approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- The program spans 36 months/12 quarters.
- Target program launch is January 2022.
- The first five quarters of the program consist of didactic content delivered via synchronous and asynchronous distance technology without the need for students to relocate.
- Where appropriate, courses will have in-person immersion learning approximately once per quarter that includes lectures, skills labs, and simulation in Knoxville, Tennessee.
- The curriculum becomes a blended clinical and didactic curriculum in the second quarter of the second year. Students will be divided into satellite clinical rotations within one state or reasonable geographical region to minimize travel.
- Regional clinical satellites are located in Arizona (Phoenix/Tucson), Georgia (Atlanta), Florida (Orlando), Indiana (Fort Wayne), Louisiana (Alexandria), and Texas (Edinburg). Location preference will be noted during the application process.
- Program year three will focus on full-time clinical rotations, the transition to advanced practice nursing, and National Certification Exam (NCE) review.

For in-depth information on admission requirements, email LStewart@south.edu.

Learn more at www.South.edu/programs/doctor-of-nursing-practice-with-a-concentration-in-nurse-anesthesia/admission-application-procedures/.

For admissions assistance, call 865-251-1800.