# MSN TO DNP NURSE ANESTHESIOLOGY (D.N.P.)

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) in Nurse Anesthesiology program at FGCU is designed to prepare graduates with the advanced nursing knowledge and leadership skills to improve health care outcomes and to provide evidence-based nursing across diverse health care settings and systems. The curriculum focuses on providing nurses with the solid science foundation needed to enhance critical reasoning judgement in the management of complex health care situations. Core and specialty courses provide knowledge, skills and attributes essential for fully accountable practice in today's health care environment. Emphasis is on innovative and evidence-based nursing practice to meet the demands associated with the increasing complexity of the health care system, improving the safety and quality of patient care delivery, and influencing health care policy.

The M.S.N. to D.N.P. entry path into the D.N.P. Nurse Anesthesiology major is for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) who hold a master of science in nursing degree. The 37 credits M.S.N. to D.N.P. Nurse Anesthesiology curriculum can be completed over six semesters (24 months) of part-time study.

## Program Accreditation

The D.N.P. program at FGCU is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (http://ccneaccreditation.org)

The FGCU Nurse Anesthesiology Program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA), 10275 W. Higgins Rd., Suite 906, Rosemont, IL 60018-5603; http://coacrna.org (https://www.coacrna.org) ; telephone (224) 275-9130. The program has full COA accreditation until April of 2032.

## Program Admission Requirements

All applications to the MSN to DNP Nurse Anesthesiology major must be submitted through the FGCU Office of Graduate Admissions. A supplemental School of Nursing application must also be submitted through NursingCAS

The School of Nursing conducts a competitive admissions process. The following are the minimum requirements for admission. Satisfaction of minimum University and program requirements does not guarantee admission to a graduate program.

### MSN to DNP Nurse Anesthesiology Major Application Requirements

- Submit an FGCU Graduate Admissions Application (https://www.fgcu.edu/admissionsandaid/graduateadmissions/) and satisfy all applicable university admissions requirements.
- In NursingCAS (https://nursingcas.liaisoncas.org/apply/), provide unofficial transcript(s) for all colleges and universities attended, including a master's degree in nursing transcript from a CCNE or Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) nursing program and an institution that maintains accreditation by a U.S. Department of Education sanctioned accrediting body (https://www.ed.gov/laws-and-policy/higher-education-laws-and-policy/college-accreditation) or equivalent foreign institution.
- Provide evidence of successful completion of an entry-level, COA-accredited nurse anesthesia educational program.
- Provide evidence of National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA) certification and current recertification as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).
- Show evidence of a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Provide copy of an unrestricted Florida APRN license and certification as a nurse anesthetist, or eligibility for APRN license and certification as a nurse anesthetist in Florida.
- Provide a current resume or curriculum vitae.
- Provide personal statement of professional goals in 350 to 500 words.
- Show completion of the following prerequisite courses:
  - Graduate level nursing courses with a grade of "B" or better: Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, Physical Assessment, and Research
  - Undergraduate level course with a grade of “C” or better: Statistics
- If applicable, applicants who have attended but not completed another DNP or doctoral nursing program must provide an official transcript from that program and a letter of good standing from the dean of the school of nursing (or designee) that also addresses potential for success in a DNP program.
- Provide a signed copy of the FGCU School of Nursing Core Performance Standards Receipt and Acknowledgment form.
- Admissions interview, by invitation, with the Nurse Anesthesia Admissions Committee.
- Three professional references that indicate your potential for doctoral study, clinical proficiency, and academic competence: one from the applicant's supervisor, one from the applicant's academic faculty, and one from a registered nurse, CRNA, or physician familiar with the applicant's professional expertise.
- International students must demonstrate English language proficiency in accordance with University regulation.

### Additional Requirements

ACLS, BLS, and PALS are not required for application to the program but are required to have been completed before the student begins the program. All students must maintain current APRN licensure, CRNA certification, and ACLS, BLS, and PALS certification while in the program. All students must provide evidence of current immunizations and tuberculosis screening throughout the program. All students must complete level one and two background checks and drug and alcohol screening prior to formal admission to the program. Additionally, further immunizations, background checks, and drug screening may be required during the program. Details on these procedures will be given after applicants are interviewed and conditionally accepted.

## Program Progression and Additional Graduation Requirements

Students admitted to the D.N.P. Nurse Anesthesiology major via the M.S.N. to D.N.P. entry path must meet major-specific progression, clinical practice, D.N.P. Project, and graduation requirements. See the D.N.P. Nurse Anesthesiology Guidebook, General Graduate Academic Policies, and FGCU Graduation Requirements.

- Students must follow a Program of Study approved by the Program Director or designee.
- Earn a minimum of 37 credits of doctoral level coursework.

- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 for coursework in the program.
- Completion of all courses with a grade of "B" or higher, or "S" (Satisfactory) where applicable.
- Completion of D.N.P. Clinical Practice requirements.
- Completion of D.N.P. Project Requirements.
- Submit an application for graduation by the semester deadline listed in the FGCU Academic Calendar.
- Students must register for a minimum of one credit during the semester in which they apply for graduation.
- Earn more than 50% of the credits toward the degree through FGCU.

# Program Requirements

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| **Required Courses in the Major** | | **(37 credits)** |
| NGR 6712 | Foundations of Nursing Educ. | 3 |
| NGR 6872 | Nursing Information Management | 3 |
| NGR 7473 | Regional Anesthesia/Pain Mgmt | 3 |
| NGR 7492 | Prof Role-Nurse Anesthetist | 3 |
| NGR 7846 | Biostatistics & Epidemiology | 3 |
| NGR 7856 | Evidence-Based Trans. Research | 3 |
| NGR 7891 | Fin & Mgmt-Anesthesia Practice | 3 |
| NGR 7895 | Health Policy | 3 |
| NGR 7899 | Organization Syst. & Leadship | 3 |
| NGR 7949L | DNP Clinical Practice (4 total) [1] | 4 |
| NGR 7974 | DNP Project (6 total) [1] | 6 |

[1] Credits are spread over varying semesters

**Total Credits Required: 37**