



Nurse Anesthesia

Nurse anesthesia is one of the advanced practice nursing specialties. Nurse anesthetists have been practicing in the United States for greater than 125 years and have been providing care to patients at the Cleveland Clinic since its founding in 1921. The School of Nurse Anesthesia was founded in 1969 and for twenty years, was a 24-month hospital based certificate granting program. In 1989, the School of Nurse Anesthesia affiliated with the School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University to provide its graduates with a Master of Science in Nursing. In the most recent poll from U.S. News and World Report for graduate programs in nurse anesthesia, our program was ranked 7th in the country, tied with three other programs.



Kathleen Massoli, CRNA, MSN administering epidural anesthesia to a patient in the operating room

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation/Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing/Case Western Reserve University/School of Nurse Anesthesia is a 28-month graduate nursing program that prepares Registered Nurses to become Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs). The program's curriculum includes nursing theory, professional development, nursing research, didactics in nurse anesthesia, and the clinical administration of anesthetics to a diverse patient population in many surgical specialties under the supervision of a CRNA or Staff Anesthesiologist. Graduate students in nurse anesthesia administer both general and regional anesthesia and must participate in a minimum of 550 anesthesia cases to be eligible to take the National Certification Examination upon completion of the program.

Applicants to this program must be Registered Nurses, have an Ohio nursing license, and a baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN). A minimum of two year's experience as a Registered Nurse is required in acute care nursing or one year's experience, plus subspecialty certification, such as CCRN. Our program defines acute care nursing as intensive care, post anesthesia care unit (PACU), and emergency room nursing. To be a competitive applicant, your nursing experience should be acquired in a large teaching hospital or medical center. This program does not require a specific type of intensive care nursing experience. All types of intensive care nursing experience are acceptable. These criteria meet the national requirements for admission to graduate school in nurse anesthesia as established by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Programs (COA). It is strongly encouraged that you shadow a CRNA or one of the graduate students (SRNAs) in the program. You can schedule a shadow day at Cleveland Clinic with Zoni Madison, the Education Coordinator, at 216-444-2612. To find out more information about a career in nurse anesthesia, go to www.aana.com.

You may apply to our program on line at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) at www.case.edu. Please review the requirements for application to the university and the School of Nursing. If you are accepted to graduate school, an interview will be scheduled for you to meet with the nurse anesthesia faculty. After this interview, you will be notified of the status of your application to the nurse anesthesia program. If selected to the program, primary clinical sites will be assigned by the program directors after the class is filled. The Cleveland Clinic is one of the three primary clinical sites. The other two sites at CWRU are University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio and Summa Health Systems in Akron, Ohio.

The didactics are taught at Cleveland Clinic and the School of Nursing, CWRU. Graduate students assigned to the Cleveland Clinic complete most of their clinical case requirements at the main campus. These are two outside clinical rotations to facilities in the Cleveland Clinic Health Systems (CCHS). The rotation in obstetrical anesthesia is a Fairview Hospital and the ambulatory or out-patient is at Marymount Ambulatory Surgical Center and Hospital.

Graduate students assigned to the Cleveland Clinic currently receive a stipend with an employment commitment to work within the CCHS for two and one half years if a position is offered to you prior to graduation. Historically, all graduates of the program are offered employment. SRNAs also receive their health and malpractice insurance as an employee of the Cleveland Clinic. The program's goal is to select the best nurses and graduate of all of the SRNAs. This is best accomplished by learning from an experienced faculty and also having the motivation and self direction to be successful.

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation/Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing/Case Western Reserve University/School of Nurse Anesthesia is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Program (COA) until May 12, 2013.

Comments or questions may be directed to the COA at:

Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs

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For the most recent graduating class (2010)

The attrition rate is: **0%**

Employment of graduates within six months of graduation is: **100%**

The Certification Examination pass rate for first time takers was: **92%**