



SCHOOL OF NURSING POLICY

Policy Name: Admission Requirements

Approval Authority: Rutgers School of Nursing Faculty

Responsible Executive: Executive Vice Dean

Responsible Office: Nurse Anesthesia Specialty Track

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1. **Policy Statement:** To establish objective criteria and a fair and unbiased process for selection of students and assure that all enrolled students meet minimal criteria established by the institution and its accrediting agencies and regulatory bodies.
2. **Who Should Read this Policy:** faculty, administration, and all Nurse Anesthesia students

3. **Resources and Related Documents:**

Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).
Standard for Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs, February 2024
Standard for Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs-Practice Doctorate, February 2024

<https://www.coacna.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Standards-for-Accreditation-of-Nurse-Anesthesia-Programs-Practice-Doctorate-editorial-rev-February-2024-1.pdf>

School of Nursing Student Policies
<http://nursing.rutgers.edu/policies/index.html>

4. **Policy:** In addition to **all of the general requirements for admission to all DNP specialties**, described in the most current version of the Rutgers Health SN [Student Policies](#) the Nurse Anesthesia Specialty Track additionally requires of applicants for admission:
 - A completed and signed [Supplemental Application for Admission to the Rutgers Health Nurse Anesthesia Program](#) (sample document appended) with attestation of eligibility as a candidate for the *National Certification Examination for Nurse Anesthetists* and disclosure of any previous enrollment in a nurse anesthesia educational program.
 - Current licensure as a professional registered nurse in one of the United States, and eligibility for New Jersey licensure. A New Jersey license will be required prior to enrolling in any Nurse Anesthesia Specialty Track courses. Current license as a Registered Professional Nurse in any state in which program affiliated clinical sites are located may also be required prior to the second semester of study.



- Evidence of current Basic Life Support (**BLS**), Advanced Life Support (**ACLS**) and Critical Care Registered Nurse (**CCRN**) certification. Pediatric Advanced Life Support (**PALS**) certification will be required prior to beginning the clinical practicum.
 - A minimum of one complete year of full time status by the time of interview, of which the experience as a Registered Nurse in a critical care setting must be recent and continuous. Demonstrated proficiency in managing critically ill patients, mechanical ventilation, invasive hemodynamic monitoring, vasoactive IV infusions and aggressive fluid management. Preferred areas of critical care experience include: surgical ICU, cardio thoracic ICU, neurosurgical ICU, burn ICU. Pediatric ICUs and selected PACUs may be considered if the applicant can demonstrate comparable experience and critical thinking skills and has earned the required CCRN credential.
 - At least two current letters of recommendation from professional colleagues in a leadership position in the critical care setting, supporting the applicant's critical thinking skills, experience and potential success in the nurse anesthesia program. Recommendations from family, friends or didactic instructors will not be considered.
 - A minimum of one shadowing experience is required and must be done with a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. The most recent shadowing experience must be done within the past twelve months prior to the interview.
 - If selected, participation in candidate interview sessions in which the applicant has the opportunity to demonstrate to the admission committee the extent of his/her knowledge, expertise in critical care, intelligence, critical thinking skills, professionalism, communication skills, dedication and character.
5. **Procedure:** Congruent with the School of Nursing Policy [Graduate Program Application Review](#), all applications for admission are screened by the appropriate admissions staff and those meeting basic requirements for graduate admission are reviewed by the Nurse Anesthesia Specialty Track Admissions Committee. Qualified candidates are selected for interviews. Recommendations for admission are made to the Dean by the Committee based upon composite evaluations utilizing objective criteria.



Supplemental Application

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Your higher educational experience (most recent on top)

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>cum GPA</u>	<u>#credits</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Your complete critical care experience (most recent on top)

<u>Dates (month/year)</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Unit Type</u>
_____ until _____	_____	_____
_____ until _____	_____	_____
_____ until _____	_____	_____
_____ until _____	_____	_____

CCRN score _____

- In what state/s are you currently licensed to practice as a professional nurse? _____
- Are you eligible for RN licensure in the states of New Jersey and New York? Yes No 3. Has your license to practice as a professional nurse been revoked or suspended, or are there any restrictions on your RN licensure in any State? Yes No
- Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No
- Have you applied to a nurse anesthesiology program before? Yes No
If yes, when & what was outcome? _____
- Have you been issued an AANA student enrollment number? Yes No
- Have you ever been admitted to any other anesthesia program? Yes No
If yes, previous program: _____
Reason for leaving: _____

Signature _____ Date _____