APPLYING TO THE NURSE ANESTHESIA (CRNA) PROGRAM

The OHSU Nurse Anesthesia (CRNA) program prepares Registered Nurses to become Advanced Nurse Practitioners in the field of anesthesia where they administer general and regional anesthesia to surgical and obstetric patients. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist’s (CRNA’s) provide anesthesia to patients in every practice setting and for every type of surgery or procedure. Students earn a Master of Nursing degree upon completion of the 27 month program.

The CRNA program recognizes the growing community health needs within Oregon, the Northwest, and across the United States. The program at Oregon Health & Science University strives to maintain high standards in educating qualified Registered Nurses at the graduate level in the domain of nurse anesthesia. The program endeavors to provide the Student Registered Nurse Anesthetist (SRNA) with a solid foundation of scientific knowledge, clinical skills, and accountability, with a progressive understanding of the components of clinical judgment.

**Degree Option:** Students in this program will complete 27 months of full-time study to earn the Masters of Nursing degree. Currently, a DNP or Post Masters Certificate is not offered for this program.

**Course Delivery**
This program begins in the fall and is only offered on the Portland campus.

**Admission Factors:**
Admissions decisions are strongly based on the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA & Science GPA of 3.0 or higher
- 3 Letters of recommendation
- GRE scores (and TOEFL scores for international applicants if applicable)
- Work history: a minimum of 1 year of ICU experience
- Essay responses
- Interview (for select applicants)

**Admission Requirements & Eligibility**
Applicants must have the following materials in order to apply.

**Prior Degree**
Applicants must have a Bachelors of Science with a major in nursing or BSN from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education.

**R.N. Status**
- Must be eligible for a registered nurse license in Oregon, Washington, or Idaho upon application.
- Must be licensed in the state of Oregon prior to matriculation.
Work Experience & Resume
Applicants must have completed at least one year of adult or pediatric critical care ICU experience prior to program matriculation. Submitting a resume or curriculum vitae is required with your application.

Grade Point Average
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (all college level courses ever taken)
- Minimum science GPA of a 3.0 (i.e. as anatomy, biology, biochemistry, chemistry, physics, physiology, etc.)

Statistics
Applicants must have successfully passed a basic statistics course from a regionally accredited school with a grade of "B-" or better within five years prior to entering the program.

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Scores
Applicants are required to submit official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores from the general test from ETS. OHSU recommends a 144 in the quantitative section, 153 in the verbal section, and a minimum analytic writing score of 4.0 to be competitive. Prior to August 2011, a minimum score of 500 in each section (verbal and quantitative) as well as a minimum analytic writing score of 4.0. The GRE is waived for those with a prior master’s degree from an accredited US institution.

Letters of Recommendation
Applicants must submit three letters of reference. The Admissions Committee prefers applicants to submit references from the following sources: a supervisor, an instructor or academic source, and a co-worker.

HOW TO APPLY TO THE NURSE ANESTHESIA PROGRAM:

Step 1: Review and follow the specific applications instructions for your program located on the OHSU School of Nursing website found at www.ohsu.edu/son in the tab “Admissions & Prospective Students”, then select “Applying”. This page offers a complete check list of instructions, helpful links, and additional forms to upload to your application. Please review the page thoroughly.

Step 2: The OHSU School of Nursing uses an independent organization that processes applications for OHSU called the Nursing Centralized Application Service for Nursing CAS. Set up a Nursing CAS account and start your application for the program to which you are applying. All students applying to any of the OHSU Nursing programs must submit an application through Nursing CAS by the stipulated deadline date in order to be considered for admissions.
Step 3: Upload and add all required items into your Nursing CAS account. All required application materials are as follows:

- **Official transcripts** (transcripts must be mailed directly from your college(s)).
  
  Mail transcripts to: NursingCAS. P.O. Box 9201, Watertown, MA 02471

- **Manually enter every college course** into your NursingCAS account.

- **3 Letters of Recommendation** submitted via NursingCAS.

- **Resume or Curriculum Vitae** – upload in document upload section.

- **Essay response** - essay prompts available in the Nursing CAS application.

- **GRE scores** - enter unofficial scores to the standardized tests section, have official scores sent to OHSU using code 4900.

- **5-year time limit Statistics waiver form** - (if necessary) upload to NursingCAS in document upload section.

Step 4: Once the above steps have been completed in your NursingCAS application, you must submit your application via NursingCAS in order to have your application reviewed by OHSU. At this point, you must be in contact with the NursingCAS office to confirm that they have received all of your official transcripts.

**Nursing CAS Support:** 617-612-2880, Mon. – Thurs. 9am -7pm EST, Friday 9am – 5pm EST. Applications will not be reviewed or considered without all official transcripts on file through the NursingCAS system.

Step 5: All students applying to an OHSU Nursing program must submit an OHSU supplemental application. The link to this application can be found on our “Applying” webpage. Your OHSU supplemental application must be submitted by the stipulated deadline date.

**Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination Policy**

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 protects individuals from discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational program or activity operated by recipients of federal aid. OHSU complies with Title IX and 34 CFR Part 106 by prohibiting sex and gender discrimination in education programs, activities, employment, and admissions. Inquiries about Title IX compliance or sex/gender discrimination may be directed to the OHSU Title IX Coordinator: Michael Tom, Director of the **Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity (AAEO) Dept.** 503-494-5148, tomm@ohsu.edu.