APPLYING TO THE NURSE ANESTHESIA PROGRAM (MASTER OF NURSING)

The OHSU Nurse Anesthesia (NA) 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 NA 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.

Course Delivery
This program begins in the fall and is only offered on the Portland campus. This 27 month program of study is rigorous and highly clinically focused. In the first year, students receive a firm foundation in relevant basic and anesthesia science along with weekly lab sessions in our state-of-the-art clinical simulation center. The second year begins a five quarter sequence of clinical rotations designed to expose the student to a variety of anesthesia experiences. Throughout the second year students participate in seminars to foster the integration of advanced evidence-based nurse anesthesiology content into their clinical practice.

The nurse anesthesia program of study is 103 credits and includes 6 advanced practice nursing courses (19 credits), 7 nurse anesthesia theory courses (25 credits) and 9 lab and/or clinical practica courses (59 credits).

Application Deadline & Admission Decisions
Applications open each fall with established application deadlines that can be found at: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/graduate_deadlines.cfm. All materials must be submitted by the identified deadline. Late applications or application materials will not be accepted.

Note: Applications close at midnight on the designated deadline date Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Admissions decisions are strongly based on the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA & Science GPA
- GRE scores (and TOEFL scores for international applicants if applicable)
- Prior work history
- Essay response & interview

Admission Requirements & Eligibility

Applicants must have the following materials in order to apply. If you are an international student please see the international applicant web page for additional requirements if you are a resident of a country other than the United States.

Prior Degree
Applicants need a B.S. with a major in nursing or B.S.N. degree 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
Applicants must have completed at least one year of adult or pediatric critical care ICU experience prior to program matriculation.

Grade Point Average
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Minimum science GPA of a 3.0 (this includes coursework from departments such as anatomy, biology, biochemistry, chemistry, physics, physiology, etc.)

Statistics
Must successfully pass a basic statistics course with a grade of "B-" or better within five years prior to entry into the master's program.

Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Scores
Applicants to the advanced practice nursing programs (CNM, CRNA, FNP and PMHNP) are required to submit official Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores from the general test from ETS. The OHSU School of Nursing GRE code is 4900. OHSU recommends a minimum score of 500 in each section (verbal and quantitative) as well as a minimum analytic writing score of 4.0 for the scoring scale used prior to August 2011 or a 144 in the quantitative section, 153 in the verbal section, and a minimum analytic writing score of 4.0 to be competitive.

*Applicants who already hold a graduate degree from an accredited US institution do not need to take the GRE.
Letters of Recommendation
Applicants must submit three letters of reference as part of their application. Electronic reference forms are located via the online Nursing CAS application system. It is preferable that applicants submit references from the following:
- A supervisor
- An instructor
- A co-worker or other

Essay Question
You will be asked to provide a written essay(s) as part of your application. Please see the link to the essay instructions for this program located on this page:
http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/index.cfm

Applying to OHSU School of Nursing Via Nursing CAS (NCAS)

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<th>STEP 1: Set up a Nursing CAS account and start your application for the program/campus to which you are applying.</th>
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| STEP 2: Upload all required items into your Nursing CAS account and select the designated OHSU program to which you would like to apply. Note: GRE scores are sent directly to OHSU code: 4900 | You will be notified when admission decisions have been made. |

Materials that will be submitted as part of your Nursing CAS Application
- You will be asked to submit an essay response as part of your application. Between September 15 and your application deadline, you will be able to find the essay question(s) for

your program at the following link: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/index.cfm. Complete the essay question and upload your essay response to your Nursing CAS application. After uploading your personal statement, go to “Designations” on the home page of your Nursing CAS account, select “designated schools” then Oregon Health & Science University and ATTACH the personal statement to your designated program.

- You will be asked to submit 3 letters of reference as part of your application. You will be able to send the electronic reference form your Nursing CAS account.
- You will be asked to submit a resume or vitae as part of your application. Please PDF this item(s) and upload them to your Nursing CAS account.
- You will be asked to submit official transcripts from ALL institutions that you have ever attended as part of your application to NCAS. Follow the instructions provided in your Nursing CAS application to submit your official transcripts to Nursing CAS directly.
  1. Note: Order 2-3 copies of your transcripts to keep for your records for later use if needed upon matriculation.
- Please send questions about your NCAS application to NCAS directly and questions about our program materials and application requirements to OHSU at proginfo@ohsu.edu.

Additional Resources

A sample program of study for each program can be found online:
http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/programs/programs-of-study-page.cfm

Application Deadlines: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/applying/graduate_deadlines.cfm

Financing your education: Start planning to finance your nursing education now. Review the tuition and fees and potential limitations for receiving federal aid here:
http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/tuition-fees/index.cfm

Scholarship information: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/admissions/tuition-fees/scholarships.cfm

This document is a guide; final decisions regarding the acceptance of prerequisite course work is made by the OHSU Registrar's Office. The OHSU School of Nursing reserves the right to make changes to the academic program structure.

FAQs

Review the frequently asked questions for more information about this program on this page:
http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-nursing/programs/masters/advanced-practice-nursing/nurse-anesthesia/frequently-asked-questions.cfm

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. Mailing address: OHSU, Mail code MP240, 3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR 97239. Office: Marquam Plaza