

## PANUSKA COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

# DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE: NURSE ANESTHESIA

### WHY SCRANTON?

Excellence in academic and professional competencies. Jesuit values. Successful outcomes. You'll find all of this – and more – when you choose The University of Scranton for your Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Our dedicated faculty will work alongside you as you pursue a higher level of education through our nationally accredited program.

#### JESUIT VALUES

- *Fosters academic, professional and personal development*
- *Focus on social justice, empowerment, advocacy and leadership*
- *Development of clients to their full potential*
- *Emphasis on appreciation of diversity*

### AT A GLANCE

- Full-time, rigorous, and comprehensive 36-month program
- Opportunity to integrate classroom content with direct application of advanced techniques in the provision of anesthesia care to patients throughout the lifespan
- Clinical skills are learned in a variety of environments, each of which offers experiences in the anesthetic management of specialized patient populations
- Students exposed to faculty with extensive professional nursing practice experience and expertise

### REAL WORLD RESULTS

#### *Filling a Growing Need*

- Class of 2019 has 95% first-time pass rate on their national certification exam. The Class of 2019 had a job placement of 100%.
- Scranton's graduate Nursing program was recently ranked #98 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

### ONE-TO-ONE LEARNING

#### *Faculty Engagement*



#### PERSONAL ATTENTION

- Learn from an incomparable faculty comprised of skillful educators who pride themselves in their teaching, research and service.
- Gain practical knowledge from faculty who bring significant clinical work experiences to the classroom experience.
- Work alongside a faculty member who will assist with personal academic planning throughout the program.



### GETTING RECOGNIZED

*Results, reputation & ethics drive our education.*

The first Nurse Anesthesia DNP cohort started in 2019 with the expected graduation in 2022.



### COA accreditation

The Nurse Anesthesia program is accredited by The Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA), the accrediting agency for nurse anesthesia programs in the United States.

### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE: NURSE ANESTHESIA >> **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mission of the Department of Nursing at The University of Scranton is to prepare nurses grounded in Jesuit ideals, who are committed to excellence in practice for the 21st century and have the knowledge and competencies to deliver safe, evidence-based, patient centered care.

The Doctorate of Nursing Practice - Nurse Anesthesia track is a 36-month, full-time educational program for post-baccalaureate registered nurses who are seeking the opportunity to become Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists. The curriculum includes didactic coursework, simulation laboratory, and clinical experiences at the programs Affiliated Clinical Sites where you will gain over 2,000 hours of clinical experience and participate with patients whose ages range throughout the lifespan.

#### • **FIRST YEAR:**

The first year of the program includes didactic coursework that is carried out both in-person and via distance education formats. The focus of this first year is developing and exercising the knowledge and skills related to integrating evidence-based practice into the students' clinical knowledge.

#### • **SECOND YEAR:**

The students begin to develop the knowledge and clinical skills related to the practice of anesthesia through didactic coursework and simulation laboratory sessions. Some of the clinical skills that students will learn in include patient safety best practices, airway management, patient positioning, use of the Anesthesia Gas Machine, medication administration, induction sequencing, and a variety of others prior to beginning clinical rotations.

#### • **THIRD YEAR:**

The focus of the final year will be demonstrating safe clinical practice through varied clinical experiences, simulated crisis clinical sessions, synthesis of knowledge through the culmination of the DNP Scholarly Project and Portfolio Presentation, and preparation for the National certification Exam which is taken after graduation.

#### **FIRST YEAR (36 credits for degree)**

##### **SUMMER:**

**NURS 520:** Advanced Pharmacology

**NURS 593:** Research Methodology and Application

##### **FALL:**

**NURS 504:** Anatomy and Physiology for Nurse Anesthesia

**NURS 514:** Chemistry and Physics for Nurse Anesthesia

**NURS 517:** Advanced Pharmacology of Nurse

Administered Anesthesia I

**NURS 700:** Epidemiology and Biostatistics

**NURS 710:** Information Systems and Health Care Technology

##### **SPRING:**

**NURS 510:** Advanced Physiology and Pathophysiology

**NURS 518:** Advanced Pharmacology of Nurse

Administered Anesthesia II

**NURS 529:** Nurse Anesthesia Principles I

**NURS 720:** Advanced Scientific Inquiry

**NURS 730:** Translating Evidence into Practice

#### **SECOND YEAR (26 credits for degree)**

##### **SUMMER:**

**NURS 530:** Advanced Clinical Assessment

**NURS 530L:** Advanced Clinical Assessment Lab

**NURS 539:** Nurse Anesthesia Principles II

**NURS 539L:** Nurse Anesthesia Principles II Lab

##### **FALL:**

**NURS 546:** Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum I

**NURS 549:** Nurse Anesthesia Principles III

**NURS 549L:** Nurse Anesthesia Principles III Lab

**NURS 760:** Advanced Health Care Policy

##### **SPRING:**

**NURS 556:** Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum II

**NURS 559:** Nurse Anesthesia Principles IV

**NURS 778:** Organizational and Systems Leadership for Nurse Anesthesia

#### **THIRD YEAR (21 credits for degree)**

##### **SUMMER:**

**NURS 765:** Nurse Anesthesia Residency and DNP Scholarship I

##### **FALL:**

**NURS 775:** Nurse Anesthesia Residency and DNP Scholarship II

##### **SPRING:**

**NURS 785:** Nurse Anesthesia Synthesis and Residency III

## WHAT NEXT? *HOW TO PROCEED FROM HERE >>*

### APPLY NOW

The preferred application deadline for the Nurse Anesthesia program is October 1st for admission into the following summer term. To apply and for additional admission requirements, please visit:

**[scranton.edu/gradapply](http://scranton.edu/gradapply)**

### SCHEDULE A VISIT

Personal appointments with an Admissions representative are offered Monday through Friday and can provide insight to the application and admission process. Sign up online to register for your visit at: **[scranton.edu/gradvisit](http://scranton.edu/gradvisit)**

### CONTACT THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

You are encouraged to contact the Program Administrator, Dr. Ann Culp, for information on the academic components of the nursing program. To contact Dr. Culp, please email **[ann.culp@scranton.edu](mailto:ann.culp@scranton.edu)** or call **570.941.5588**.

## ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE

All admissions requirements must be met by the October 1st application deadline. Applicants for the program must meet the following criteria:

- Possess a baccalaureate degree in nursing from a CCNE, ACEN, or CNEA accredited program
- Have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.00 or other evidence of ability to complete successfully a graduate program such as grades in other post-baccalaureate courses, scores from national graduate school entrance examinations, or a record of progressively higher work experiences
- Be licensed as a registered nurse in the state of Pennsylvania
- Minimum of one year direct clinical nursing practice
- Minimum of one year of recent critical care nursing experience
- 300-word statement of intention identifying career goals, demonstrating communication and writing skills
- Personal interview with the program director or a faculty member to clarify goals and objectives
- Current Basic Cardiac Life Support for the Healthcare Provider (BCLS) certification
- Current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification
- Current Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification
- Completed two courses in college chemistry
- Satisfactory completion of undergraduate or equivalent approved courses in basic physical assessment and statistics
- Critical care registered nurse certification (CCRN) is strongly recommended, but not required

Applicants who have questions about our nondiscrimination policy, or have concerns about discrimination on the basis of sex should contact:  
Title IX Coordinator, c/o • The Office of Equity & Diversity • Institute of Molecular Biology & Medicine, Rm 311 • [TitleIX@scranton.edu](mailto:TitleIX@scranton.edu) • 570.941.6645

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### LOCATION

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