CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST (CRNA)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Become a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) and advance your nursing career with Fisher's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Nurse Anesthesia. Designed for registered nurses seeking to specialize in anesthesia and acute care, this dual-degree program combines the expertise of a CRNA with the advanced practice skills of an adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner (AGACNP).

Through a rigorous blend of classroom instruction, simulation-based training, and extensive clinical experience, students are prepared to deliver safe, evidence-based anesthesia care across diverse health care settings.

LIFE AFTER FISHER

Graduates of Fisher's CRNA program are prepared to:

- Achieve Dual Certification: Sit for national certification exams for both nurse anesthetists (NBCRNA) and acute care nurse practitioners (ANCC or AACN).

- Deliver High-Quality Care: Provide safe, effective anesthesia services across a wide range of clinical environments.

- Lead with Compassion: Demonstrate professionalism, empathy, and strong communication in both patient care and interdisciplinary teams.

- Think Critically: Apply advanced clinical reasoning and evidence-based practices to manage complex patient scenarios.

- Champion Patient Safety: Uphold the highest standards of care as skilled, ethical, and patient-focused nurse anesthetists.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Our program emphasizes a holistic approach to patient care, preparing graduates to manage complex clinical scenarios across diverse settings confidently. By blending anesthesia expertise with acute care proficiency, our graduates emerge as versatile healthcare leaders capable of optimizing patient outcomes and meeting evolving health care demands. Study in advanced airway, spinal, and epidural assessment and management techniques utilized by nurse anesthesia providers. Additional program highlights include:

- Dual Certification Pathway: Earn credentials as both a CRNA and AGACNP, expanding your scope of practice and career opportunities.

- Extensive Clinical Training: Complete over 2,600 clinical hours, including 600 hours focused on acute care.

- Cutting-Edge Simulation: Train in Fisher's Glover-Crask Simulation Center using high- and low-fidelity scenarios to build real-world readiness.

- Integrated Curriculum: Study advanced anesthesia techniques, pharmacology, airway management, and the impact of chronic conditions on anesthesia care.

- Leadership Development: Build critical thinking, communication, and leadership skills essential for high-stakes clinical environments.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the dual-degree AGACNP and CRNA post-baccalaureate program is limited to qualified applicants who have a:

- Bachelor's degree in nursing from an accredited institution

- Minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 (3.3 preferred)

- Grades of B or higher in the following undergraduate courses: health assessment, research, and statistics

- Active NYS RN license (or pending approval)

- At least one year of critical care experience in an approved ICU setting. Fisher accepts critical care experience from Adult ICUs including:

  - CCU/CVICU, MICU, Neuro ICU, SICU, Trauma ICU, and PICU.

    - NICU, ER, OR, and PACU experiences will NOT be accepted.

    - Adult ICU experience outside of the United States or its territories will only be considered if gained within a US military hospital.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The CRNA program includes all requirements of the Doctor of Nursing Practice: Post-Baccalaureate Entry Program with the AGACNP functional core, plus the following requirements.

GNUR 760 - Role Transition and Professional Aspects of Nurse Anesthesia I (2)

GNUR 761 - Role Transition and Professional Aspects of Nurse Anesthesia II (2)

GNUR 762 - CRNA Comprehensive Exam (1)

GNUR 765 - Mathematics, Chemistry, and Physics of Anesthesia Practice (3)

GNUR 766 - Advanced Airway, Spinal, and Epidural Anesthesia Management (2)

GNUR 767 - Regional Anesthesia, Pain Management, POCUS & Orthopedic Anesthesia (3)

GNUR 768 - Pediatrics, Obstetrics, GYN, Urology, Otolaryngologic, Abdominal, and Emergency Anesthesia (3)

GNUR 769 - Cardiothoracic, Cardiovascular and Neurosurgical Anesthesia (3)

GNUR 771 - Anesthesia Pharmacology (3)

GNUR 772 - Anesthesia Phases of Care (1) (50 clinical hours)

GNUR 773 - Advanced Hemodynamic monitoring, Interpretation and Placement (1)

GNUR 775 - Anesthesia Crisis Resource Management I (1)

GNUR 776 - Anesthesia Crisis Resource Management II (1)

- GNUR 781 - Clinical Practicum I (2) (300 clinical hours)

- GNUR 782 - Clinical Practicum II (2) (300 clinical hours)

- GNUR 783 - Clinical Practicum III (3) (450 clinical hours)

- GNUR 784 - Clinical Practicum IV (3) (450 clinical hours)

- GNUR 785 - Clinical Practicum V (3) (450 clinical hours)

Total AGACNP/CRNA DNP Program: 103 credits

ABOUT THE
WEGMANS SCHOOL OF NURSING

The Wegmans School of Nursing builds on Fisher's values-based education and is dedicated to graduating professional advanced practice nurses and mental health counselors who provide expert, compassionate, ethical care and serve as leaders in the health care environment.

CRNA PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

Fisher's Nurse Anesthesia Program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.

SEE HOW IMPACTFUL YOU CAN BE

If you have questions regarding the program or the application process, please contact the Office of Admissions at (585) 385-8064 or email **grad@sjf.edu.**

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