

NURSE ANESTHESIA, M.N.A.

Admission Standards

1. a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from an NLN-accredited program or Bachelor of Science degree in a related science (official transcripts from each school or college previously attended with degrees posted are required); a GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale is preferred; the average GPA for students admitted for the Class of 2013 was 3.56;
2. current licensure as a registered nurse in one of the 50 states; South Carolina licensure is required for matriculation;
3. GRE - a combined minimum verbal and quantitative score of 1000 of preferred; the average GRE for students admitted for the Class of 2013 was 518 verbal and 613 quantitative;
4. a minimum of one year full-time critical care nursing experience prior to the application deadline of May 1; clinical experience within the past three years is preferred and must be direct hands-on patient care in an intensive or critical care unit; alternate clinical experiences to substitute shall be evaluated upon request;
5. satisfactory completion and current documentation of Basic Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and Advanced Cardiac Life Support;
6. letters of recommendation from two health care professionals familiar with the applicant's clinical experience; a letter from an immediate manager or supervisor is preferred;
7. a current resume.

Prerequisites must be met prior to an offer for interview. Admission is competitive and students are chosen on the basis of their academic record, employment history and performance, character, and general fitness for the study of nurse anesthesia. To be accepted, the applicant must interview and demonstrate evidence of good physical health, emotional stability, and personality considered necessary for successful performance as a nurse anesthetist. Applicants to the Master of Nurse Anesthesia program are recommended by an interview admissions committee composed of faculty from the USC School of Medicine, clinical coordinators, and nurse anesthesia students.

Final decision for admission is made by program faculty in conjunction with the University of South Carolina Graduate School.

Application Information

Application deadline is May 1. Selected applicants will be scheduled for a personal interview with the admissions committee to be held in July and/or August of the year prior to the January orientation and start of the program in spring semester. Letters of appointment will be sent in August; these notified applicants are required to send a reply with their intentions concerning matriculation within two weeks of the letter of appointment. A \$250 nonrefundable deposit must accompany the letter of acceptance. This deposit will be applied to the first-year clinical fees when the student matriculates. For further questions pertaining to a career in nurse anesthesia, please contact Winston King, clinical director of the USC/PRMH Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia, at 803-434-6344 or e-mail winston.king@uscmed.sc.edu.

For more detailed information on the application process and the Anesthesia program, visit our Web site at <http://anesthesia.med.sc.edu>.