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School of Nursing

Post Baccalaureate Doctorate in Nursing Practice, D.N.P.

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**Admission Requirements for all Post-Baccalaureate D.N.P Students**

1. A completed application accompanied by a fifty-dollar nonrefundable application fee

2. A baccalaureate degree in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited program

3. Applicants with international degrees must have their transcripts evaluated for degree and grade equivalency to that of a regionally accredited institution in the United States

4. Official transcripts of *all* undergraduate and graduate records

5. Completion of an undergraduate level statistics course (MATH 240 or its equivalent) with a minimum grade of C

6. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in undergraduate course work

7. A preferred undergraduate minimum GPA of 3.0 for science courses

8. An official report on scores of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MA)

9. An official report on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) from international applicants for whom English is not their first language

10. A professional resume or curriculum vitae (CV)

11. Three professional references.  One must be from a clinical supervisor.

12. A statement of intent which demonstrates the candidate’s leadership and practice experience, reasons for pursuing doctoral study, and the potential area of focus for the DNP Scholarly Project. The statement should be representative of the applicants writing ability. The statement should be 2-4 typed pages, double-spaced, and written in 12-point font.

13. Proof of residency is required for in-state tuition

14. An interview may be required.

**Additional Requirements for Specialization in Nurse Anesthesia**

1. Completion of CHEM 106 or an undergraduate course in organic chemistry within the past 7 years, and with a minimum grade of C

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3. Current unrestricted licensure for practice in both the State of Rhode Island and the State of Massachusetts (due to clinical rotations in both states)

4. Current AHA BLS and ACLS certification

5. A minimum of one year of critical care experience. A complete definition of accepted critical care experience is found on the SJHSNAwebsite: [www.sjhsna.com](http://www.sjhsna.com)

6. CCRN Certification is preferred

6. Skills and abilities that applicants and students must demonstrate are also on the SJHSNA website: www.sjhsna.com

7. An interview is required

**Retention requirements for post-baccalaureate DNP students**

All students are expected to maintain a cumulative average of B (3.00) or greater in their graduate program. Students who do not maintain a cumulative B (3.00) average will have their status reviewed by the DNP program director. Students who do not achieve a B or greater in *Advanced Health Assessment, Advanced Pathophysiology, or Advanced Pharmacology*must repeat the course and may not progress in clinical courses. Students who earn a grade of less than B- in the required science courses including Chem 519, BIO 535 and BIO 536 will be placed on probationary status. Students on probationary status must achieve a B or better in each required course over the next 9 credits. Two grades below B are sufficient cause for consideration of dismissal; the decision regarding students’ status will be made by the Doctor of Nursing Practice program director in consult with the Dean. Students may be required to repeat a course at the discretion of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program Director.

**Handbook**

The School of Nursing *Handbook for Doctor of Nursing Practice Students provides* detailed and essential information about the graduate nursing program. It is available online at HANDBOOK FOR DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE STUDENTS (acquia-sites.com)

Specialization in Nurse Anesthesia

**Full Time (3 years; 10 semesters)**

Course Requirements - Full-Time Students

First Semester (Summer I)

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| NURS 702 | Systems Leadership/Quality Improvement | 3 | F, SSI |
| NURS 524 | Healthcare Statistics | 3 | Su Session I |

Second Semester (Summer II)

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| NURS 503 | Professional Role Development | 3 | Sp, Su |
| NURS 708 | Interproffesional Collaborative Practice | 3 | F, SSII |

Third Semester (Fall)

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| NURS 505 | Advanced Pharmacology | 3 | F, Sp |
| NURS 703 | Advanced Epidemiology and Biostatistics | 3 | F |
| BIOL 535 | Advanced Physiology I | 4 | F |
| NURS 701 | Scientific Underpinnings for Clinical Scholarship | 3 | F |

Fourth Semester (Spring)

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| NURS 704 | Clinical Research/Analytic Methods | 3 | Sp |
| NURS 791 | Directed Readings I | 1 | Sp |
| NURS 706 | Economics, Finance, Business Management | 3 | Sp |
| BIOL 536 | Advanced Physiology II | 4 | Sp |
| NURS 504 | Advanced Pathophysiology | 3 | F, Sp |

Fifth Semester (Summer - FULL)

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| NURS 506 | Advanced Health Assessment | 3 | F |
| NURS 517 | Foundational Principles of Nurse Anesthesia | 3 | Sp |
| NURS 514 | Advanced Pharmacology for Nurse Anesthesia | 2 | Sp |

Sixth Semester (Fall)

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| NURS 709 | Population Health | 3 | F |
| NURS 792 | Directed Readings II | 1 | F |
| NURS 516 | Advanced Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice I | 3 | Su |
| NURS 570 | Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum I | 1 | Su |

Seventh Semester (Spring)

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| NURS 705 | Health Care Policy and Advocacy | 3 | Sp |
| NURS 616 | Advanced Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice II | 3 | F |
| NURS 630 | Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum II | 1 | F |
| NURS 720 | D.N.P. Project Planning | 1 | Sp |

Eighth Semester (Summer - FULL)

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| NURS 626 | Advanced Principles in Nurse Anesthesia III | 3 | Sp |
| NURS 640 | Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum III | 1 | Sp |
| NURS 730 | D.N.P. Proposal Development | 3 | Su |

Ninth Semester (Fall)

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| NURS 707 | Information Technology/Decision Support | 3 | F |
| NURS 670 | Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum IV | 1 | Su |
| NURS 740 | D.N.P. Project Implementation | 2 | F |

Tenth Semester (Spring)

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| NURS 636 | Transition into Nurse Anesthesia Practice | 2 | F |
| NURS 691 | Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Practicum V | 1 | F |
| NURS 750 | D.N.P. Project Evaluation and Dissemination | 1 | Sp |

Total Credit Hours: 91

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