



Dear Prospective Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Nurse Anesthesia Concentration at the University of Tennessee, College of Nursing in Knoxville. Enclosed is a description of the Nurse Anesthesia Concentration, which includes information about the MSN program and an explanation of the application procedure. **Please read these materials carefully.**

The thirty-one month curriculum offers professional registered nurses the opportunity to develop into safe, highly competent nurse anesthetists by providing a course of study that encourages lifelong learning in the practice of nurse anesthesia. Upon satisfactory completion of all didactic and clinical work, candidates are awarded the Master of Science in Nursing degree from The University of Tennessee. Qualified graduates will then be recommended to write the National Certification Examination and, upon successful completion, to be recognized as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA).

Please be aware the deadline for completion of the application process is February 1<sup>st</sup>. **It is your responsibility to ensure all requested materials and documents are submitted by this date. Incomplete applications will not be considered.** To apply to the Graduate School on-line, please direct your web browser to the following URL: <http://graduateadmissions.utk.edu/> or contact the Graduate Admissions office at (865) 974-3251.

The Selection Panel reviews all acceptable applications and a candidate pool is chosen for personal interviews, which take place during the Spring semester each year (~nine [9] months prior to the requested spring admission). Those applicants not selected for an interview, upon written request, will receive guidance for subsequent application.

Applicants selected for admission will be contacted within two-four weeks following completion of the interview process. Individuals selected for admission must notify the Nurse Anesthesia Concentration office, in writing, regarding acceptance of the position. A non-refundable matriculation fee (a seat fee) will be required to secure the candidate's position in the program.

**Below is specific information and details regarding full Admission Requirements. Please note that all application materials must be uploaded into the online graduate application.**

- Submit online application to Graduate Admissions Office. Meet all admission requirements of the Graduate School & the College of Nursing.
- Achieve a TOEFL score of at least 550 on the paper test or 80 on the Internet-based Test if native language is not English.
- Hold a bachelor's degree in nursing (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) from a regionally accredited program.

- GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4-point scale. o
- Only applicants with a cumulative GPA of less than 3.3 must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and achieve a competitive score in the verbal and quantitative sections. {A minimum combined score of 297 or greater on the two sections suggested.} Note: No other examinations, such as the MAT, GMAT, LSAT or MCAT, are accepted. o Have completed an undergraduate-level health assessment course.
- Hold or be eligible for licensure to practice nursing in Tennessee or compact state.
- Current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) & Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification.
- Have completed 3 hours of graduate-level statistics. Most applicants do not concern themselves with this until they are admitted. Most entering students simply take the College of Nursing graduate-level statistics course that is offered in the Fall term [N511] and are then ready for Spring term start. NOTE: This criterion must be completed prior to the start of classes in January. If you choose to take the stats course at another university, you must submit a copy of the course syllabus to the College of Nursing for pre-requisite approval. Course equivalency waiver is authorized at the discretion of the Director of Nursing Graduate Studies.
- 3-5 page typed essay addressing the applicant's long-range professional and educational goals, preparation (including your work experiences) for anesthesia education, and qualities that would make the applicant a good candidate for a career in Nurse Anesthesia.
- A personal interview by the Selection Panel at the University of Tennessee, College of Nursing, Nurse Anesthesia Concentration.
- Three (3) rating forms (references) from the following: 1) a former nursing professor that is familiar with the applicant's academic work 2) an immediate work superior (i.e. nurse manager) 3) a physician who works directly with the applicant Please note: Rating forms will not be accepted from the following: medical residents, fellows, clinical preceptors, team leaders and/or clinical nursing/unit educators.

Additional Requirements ICU Experience – To be considered for admission, applicants must have completed at least one year of current, full-time adult critical care nursing experience prior to the start of the program. Applicants must be able to demonstrate critical thinking skills and feel comfortable working with ventilators, numerous vasoactive drugs, such as nitro glycerin, nitroprusside, dopamine and amiodarone.

In addition, applicants must possess a thorough understanding of EKG interpretation and be able to apply hemodynamic values to patient care. Some examples of adult critical care areas that meet this requirement include (but are not limited to) the following: Surgical ICU, Trauma ICU, Cardiovascular ICU, Medical ICU, Coronary Care Unit

\*Please note: Nursing experience in the ER, ICN, Pediatric ICU, or PAR does not fulfill this requirement. While experience in adult critical care is required, employment time in neonatal and/or pediatric ICU is considered to be very advantageous and may count toward the minimum one-year critical care criterion. Other work history may be considered on a case-by-case basis, but must include experience in units where nurses care for high acuity, critically ill patients on a 1:1 ratio who require invasive monitoring

and the administration of vasoactive drugs. For example, while it cannot supersede the critical care (ICU) requirement, Flight Nursing is considered highly complementary experience for applicants to the UT Knoxville Program.

- CCRN Certification - While the program does not necessarily require applicants to have CCRN certification prior to application, admission will be contingent upon achieving this or similar professional milestone before matriculation. Other acceptable certifications include but are not necessarily limited to: Certified Nurse Operating Room (CNOR), Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse (CPAN), Certified Ambulatory Perianesthesia (CAPN), Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN), Certified Flight Registered Nurse (CFRN)

\*Credit transfer: A maximum of 9 graduate hours taken before acceptance into the Master's program may be applied toward the degree (does not include statistics course pre-requisite); none may be clinical. Transferred courses must have been completed within the six-year period prior to receipt of the degree.

Only completed application files are acted upon by the MSN Admissions Committee and subsequently forwarded to the Nurse Anesthesia Selection Panel for review and interview. We look forward to receiving your application materials and wish you success as you complete the application procedure.

Sincerely,

*Julie N. Bonom*

Julie N. Bonom, CRNA, DNP, APN  
Program Director/Concentration Coordinator

Enclosures:

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE  
COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**Nurse Anesthesia Concentration**

**History:**

The Nurse Anesthesia Concentration at UT Knoxville was established in 2000. A nurse anesthesia educational program has been in continuous operation at our primary clinical site since 1963. Students completing the program prior to 1992 were awarded a Certificate in Nurse Anesthesia from the University of Tennessee Memorial Hospital. In 1992, a graduate curriculum was initiated in concert with the University of Tennessee, Memphis, College of Nursing, to award graduates a Master of Science in Nursing. The establishment of a new and autonomous program of nurse anesthesia education, within the College of Nursing at the Knoxville Campus, was finalized in the Fall of 2000 and all students transitioned to the new program in July of 2001. The program is fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs and will undergo its next reaccreditation visit in Spring 2014.

**Goal of the Nurse Anesthesia Concentration:**

The goal of the Nurse Anesthesia Concentration is to prepare qualified registered nurses to become anesthesia practitioners with an advanced scientific knowledge base and a comprehensive array of clinical skills. Graduates should be able to:

1. Competently prepare and deliver nurse anesthesia services throughout the spectrum of practice settings in order to meet the health care needs of the public.
2. Conduct independent study and research in support of advancement of the profession.
3. Participate in the clinical and didactic components of nurse anesthesia educational programs.
4. Assume professional leadership roles at the local, state, and national levels.

**APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:**

Meeting the minimal requirements does not guarantee admission. The Nurse Anesthesia Concentration is highly competitive. Successful applicants are highly motivated, typically have several years of critical care experience, strong GPAs, and many have taken additional courses in advanced sciences such as physiology, organic chemistry or biochemistry.

Graduate education, and Nurse Anesthesia education in particular, is a major undertaking; academically, professionally, emotionally, and financially. Applicants are strongly encouraged to research all aspects of this undertaking carefully. It is recommended that you speak with practicing CRNAs and anesthesiologists to observe and/or discuss the practice of anesthesia prior to the time of personal admission interview.

It is a faculty expectation for beginning students to be academically prepared to undertake the advanced study of nursing, clinical and basic sciences. The curriculum features the intensive use of informational technology for educational purposes. All students must possess basic computer skills and equipment prior to enrollment. These skills and equipment include, but are not limited to:

1. Use of word processing program as well as databases, and spread sheets such as Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint.
2. Capability to send and receive e-mails and attachments to e-mail
3. Access to the Internet, maintained at student cost, for the duration of the program of study
4. Use of anti-virus software, Adobe Acrobat Reader™

**Additional requirements may be imposed for all students with notice**

### **PROGRAM DESIGN**

If you are a highly capable and motivated professional, comfortable with the physical sciences, seeking increased education, autonomy and the beginning of a life- long period of challenge and continued learning, this program may be of interest you. Completion of this program will permit the graduate an opportunity to take his or her place among the ranks of the highly respected CRNAs who will be molding the health care history of our next century.

The program duration is 31 months with classes starting Spring Semester (January) each year. Applications for admission must be received by February 1<sup>st</sup> of the preceding year in order to meet the Selection Panel's deadline. All applications are reviewed and selected applicants will be scheduled for a personal interview approximately nine (9) months prior to the Spring Semester admission. Applicants are notified of their selection for admission to the Nurse Anesthesia Concentration within four weeks following the completion of all interviews.

Enclosed is the curriculum outline for the Nurse Anesthesia Concentration. The curriculum contains didactic classes in the principles and practices of anesthesia (both general and regional) for all types of patients undergoing surgical and diagnostic procedures in all general surgery and specialty areas, including neuro, cardiovascular/thoracic, OB/Gyn, and pediatrics. Considerable course work is devoted to pathophysiology and pharmacology. Courses also cover the theoretical considerations of practice, professional issues and research. In preparation for the clinical anesthesia practicum that begins Fall semester of your first year of study and continues throughout the remainder of the program, all students will be exposed to numerous simulation exercises in the Human Anesthesia Simulation Laboratory (HASL). Students begin to administer anesthesia in the clinical area under constant supervision. A supervised call experience begins in October of the third semester.

As is the case with all graduate programs of nurse anesthesia education, our curriculum is very demanding and academically rigorous. The time commitment required of successful students is substantial.

## **MSN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

1. Students must complete the coursework outlined in their *Program of Study*.
2. Students must complete graduate-level course work with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better to graduate. A student receiving a grade lower than a B in a course with a clinical component (N504 Advanced Health/Physical Assessment & all clinical concentration courses) will result in the student being dismissed from the program.
3. Students select either a thesis or a non-thesis option. Students selecting the non-thesis option take three (3) hours of N582 and take a Comprehensive Final Examination. Students selecting the thesis option will take six (6) hours of N500 and the defense of their thesis serves as their Comprehensive Final Examination.

## **MINORS**

Students enrolled in the MSN program can elect to complete minors in nursing education or Intercollegiate/Interdisciplinary gerontology. Information on the minors is available in the College of Nursing *Graduate Student Handbook*, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville *Graduate Catalog*.

Nursing Education: The minor requires 12 hours of course work. Requirements are N566 *Education Principles and Strategies* and N565 *Nursing Education Practicum* in addition to 6 hours of education classes in the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences (CEHHS). Please consult with your academic advisor about the specific CEHHS courses that can be taken in the minor.

Intercollegiate/Interdisciplinary Gerontology: The minor requires 12 hours of course work. Requirements are selected from 9 hours of approved courses from the gerontology minor in 3 different departments and include a practicum.

Statistics: The minor requires 9 hours of course work. The student needs to complete 9 hours of approved statistics courses, with 6 of those hours as an approved statistics sequence. A list of approved statistics courses is on the Intercollegiate Graduate Statistics Program (IGSP) website. N511 *Statistical Applications to Nursing Research* is not an approved course for the IGSP curriculum. An additional option through ISGP is the completion of a Master of Science degree in statistics concurrently with the MSN degree. For additional information on the minor in statistics refer to the IGSP webpage (<http://bus.utk.edu/stat/igsp/index.htm>) or contact Dr. Linda Mefford ([lmefford@utk.edu](mailto:lmefford@utk.edu)) or (865) 974-7590.

## NURSE ANESTHESIA CONCENTRATION CURRICULUM

### Spring Semester I:

N501 Nursing Research	3
N510 Theories and Concepts	3
N507 Health Policy & Promotion for APN's	4
N582 Scholarly Inquiry	3 = 13 hours

### Mini-term I:

N504 Advanced Health/Physical Assessment	3 = 3 hours
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### Summer Semester I:

N524 Basic Principles of Anesthesia I	3
N505 Advanced Clinical Pharmacology	3
N522 Integrated Health Science for Anesthesia	3 = 9 hours

### Fall Semester I:

N525 Basic Principles of Anesthesia II	3
N526 Professional Issues in Nurse Anesthesia	2
N544 Clinical Anesthesia Practicum I	4 = 9 hours

### Spring Semester II:

N523 Advanced Principles of Anesthesia Practice	2
N506 Advanced Anesthesia Pharmacology	3
N545 Clinical Anesthesia Practicum II	8 = 13 hours

### Mini-term II:

N546 Clinical Anesthesia Practicum III	2 = 2 hours
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### Summer Semester II:

N518 Advanced Pathophysiology: OB/Regional	2
N547 Clinical Anesthesia Practicum IV	9 = 11 hours

### Fall Semester II:

N516 Advanced Pathophysiology: Neuro/CV	2
N548 Clinical Anesthesia Practicum V	10 = 12 hours

### Spring Semester III:

N517 Advanced Pathophysiology: Resp/Renal	2
N549 Clinical Anesthesia Practicum VI	10 = 12 hours

### Mini-Term III:

N583 Directed Clinical Practice	2 = 2 hours
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### Summer Semester III:

N583 Directed Clinical Practice (will take comprehensive exams this semester) **(and N500 @ 3hr for thesis option)	9 = 9 hours
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Total: 95

(with Thesis option: Total: 98)

\*Your actual plan of study and sequencing of coursework will be determined by mutual agreement of your academic adviser at the time you matriculate in the concentration

## ***Nurse Anesthesia Concentration Curriculum***

**N500 Thesis (3,3)** Utilization of the research process in an original scholarly inquiry using either quantitative or qualitative methods. Thesis hours are conducted under faculty guidance, and the completed thesis is prepared according to the *University of Tennessee Guide for Thesis and Dissertations*. NOTE: Student will register for this course twice in order to fulfill the hours requirement for Thesis. Students choosing the Thesis option DO NOT take N582, Scholarly Inquiry for Advanced Practice.

**N501 Nursing Research (3)** Basic principles of research process in application to clinical questions; critical evaluation of nursing and health-related research.

**N504 Advanced Assessment (3)** Development of advanced clinical reasoning and assessment skills to determine client health status and needs. Application of physiological, pathophysiological, and psychosocial concepts with implications for advanced practice nursing.

**N505 Advanced Pharmacology (3)** Pharmacological agents utilized to treat common, recurrent health problems; indications, contraindications, side and interactive effects of commonly prescribed drugs.

**N506 Advanced Anesthesia Pharmacology (3)** Pharmacological implications of anesthesia delivery to acutely ill patients with multisystem influences. Advanced states of illness, extremes of age, and co-morbidities. Agents used in general anesthesia, regional anesthesia, IV regional anesthesia, acute pain management, and chronic pain management. Anesthetic implications of pharmacotherapy in perioperative patients. *Prerequisite(s): 505.*

**N507 Health Policy and Promotion for APNs (4)** Exploration of advanced nursing practitioners and their role in the dynamic health care system. Emphasis on health policy, health promotion and the organizational, social, ethical, political, economic, and technological factors that impact advanced practice nursing and the delivery/promotion of health care.

**N510 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing (3)** Historical evolution of nursing science; nursing's metaparadigm and selected philosophies, conceptual models and theories as structures which guide critical thinking in analysis, reasoning, and decision making for advanced practice nursing.

**N516 Advanced Pathophysiology: Neurological & Cardiovascular with Anesthesia Implications (2)** Review of anatomy and physiology and integration of pathophysiology involved in patients requiring anesthetic care for cardiac surgical procedures (both children and adults) with and without cardiopulmonary bypass, intracranial surgical procedures for vascular and mass occupying lesions, patients requiring somatosensory evoked potential monitoring, and patients requiring anesthesia for non-cardiac and non-neurological procedures who present with either neurological and/or cardiovascular comorbidity. *Prerequisite(s): 524 and 525; Corequisite(s): 523.*

**N517 Advanced Pathophysiology: Respiratory/Renal with Anesthesia Implications (2)** Review of anatomy and physiology and integration of pathophysiology involved in administration of anesthesia for patients who present with renal or respiratory pathology. Pathological implications of acute and chronic renal failure, renal transplantation, pulmonary disease states: obstructive and restrictive diseases, one lung ventilation, and acute pulmonary disease states and their management. *Prerequisite(s): 524 and 525; Corequisite(s): 523.*

**N518 Advanced Pathophysiology: Obstetrics/Pediatric Anesthesia (2)** Review of anatomy and physiology with focus on the integration of pathophysiology for obstetrical and pediatric patients requiring anesthetic care. *Prerequisite(s): 524 and 525; Corequisite(s): 523.*

**N522 Integrated Health Science For Anesthesia (3)** Fundamental principles of chemistry and physics as related to practice of nurse anesthesia. Correlation of principles to clinical anesthesia practice. *Corequisite(s): 524.*

**N523 Advanced Principles of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (2)** Advanced concepts/principles of anesthetic management and legal implications of nurse anesthesia practice.

**N524 Basic Principles of Anesthesia I (3)** An introduction to the scientific principles upon which anesthesia administration is based. The focus of this course (part one of a two part series) is on the sound elementary principles of safe anesthesia delivery for the beginning practitioner.

**N525 Basic Principles of Anesthesia II (3)** A continuation of N524 (Basic Principles of Anesthesia I) which builds upon the previous course to provide advanced elementary scientific principles upon which nurse anesthetists implement plans of care which have been developed. The focus of this course (part two of a two part series) is on the sound basic principles of safe anesthesia management for the beginning practitioner.

**N526 Professional Issues in Nurse Anesthesia (2)** Exploration of historical and current issues surrounding nurse anesthesia education, practice, and the profession.

**N582 Scholarly Inquiry for Advanced Practice (3)** Non-thesis option. Utilization of research process through experiential or critical evaluation of science in area of interest. Conducted under faculty guidance and culminating in scholarly product. *Repeatability: May be repeated. Maximum 6 hours. Corequisite(s): 501.*

**N544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549 Clinical Practica/Seminar I-VI (2-9)** Integration and application of theoretical foundations and development of clinical skills in nurse anesthesia practice under supervision of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and/or anesthesiologist.

**N583 Directed Clinical Practice in Nurse Anesthesia (4-10)** Additional opportunities for advanced nursing practice in nurse anesthesia. Objectives to be developed collaboratively by student and faculty.

## **ACCREDITATION**

The University of Tennessee, College of Nursing is unconditionally approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing. In addition, the College of Nursing has full accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The University of Tennessee is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The Nurse Anesthesia Concentration is fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA). Because the concentration is fully accredited, qualified students are eligible to apply for VA benefits and/or low interest loans guaranteed by the Federal Government. The Financial Aid department at The University of Tennessee can answer any questions regarding qualification for, and availability of, student loan funds (865-974-3131). All clinical sites, where applicable, are fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

The Council On Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs  
222 South Prospect Avenue, Suite 304  
Park Ridge, IL 60068-4001  
Phone: 847-692-7050, ext. 1160  
Fax: 847-692-7137

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097  
Phone: 404-679-4500 ext 4504  
Fax: 404-679-4558

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations  
One Renaissance Blvd.  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181  
Phone: 630-792-5800  
Fax: 630-792-5005

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education  
One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530  
Washington, DC 20036  
Phone: 202-887-6791  
Fax: (202) 887-8476

## **TIME COMMITMENT**

The Nurse Anesthesia Concentration is an extremely rigorous academic and clinical undertaking. Students average **no less than** forty hours per week in the clinical area and/or in the classroom. Beginning with the first Fall Semester, students average a minimum of six hours of didactic coursework per week. Correlative conference and morbidity and mortality (M&M) conference attendance are mandatory. Students take in house call on a rotational basis with the following day off **except for classes**.

## **TUITION, FEE, AND OTHER COSTS**

At the time of printing of these informational materials, tuition for a graduate student at the University of Tennessee was approximately **\$49,515** for the entire 31-month nurse anesthesia program for in-state students and **\$129,889** for the entire 31-month program for out-of-state students. Historical trends suggest students can expect a 5-15% increase in tuition and fees each academic year. For a listing of current tuition and fees for our graduate program, please direct your browser to the following website:

<http://onestop.utk.edu/tuition-fees/>

Additional estimated student expenses associated with this program are broken down on the following page. Be aware that if a student already possesses any of these supplies, their personal expense would be decreased by the estimated value of that item(s). Approximate costs to the student include:

### **ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL FEES AND COSTS**

Basic personal anesthesia library: (Required textbooks)	\$1500.00
Personal Computer	\$3000.00
Associate membership American Association of Nurse Anesthetists:	\$200.00
Basic Monitoring equipment / OR supplies:	\$200.00
Self-Evaluation Examination (SEE Exam) X2	\$270.00
NBCRNA National Certification Examination	\$725.00
Anesthesia Review Course	\$495.00
Comprehensive Drug Screen & Criminal Background Check	\$100.00
ACLS & PALS Course Registration	\$300.00
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Total:	\$6,790.00*

Malpractice Insurance: Mandated by the University per-semester: \$25

Course Fees: \$575 per Anesthesia Course

Clinical Fees: \$200 per Clinical Course

**\*These costs have been approximated at the time of printing, actual costs may vary. This is not intended to represent an all inclusive listing of expenses.**

## **FINANCIAL AID, SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS**

### **The University of Tennessee Financial Aid**

The College does not administer any loan programs. Students who would like information on loans, financial aid, and university scholarships should visit the University Financial Aid Office website: <http://onestop.utk.edu/> or call 865-974-1111.

### **Army and Air Force ROTC Nursing Scholarships**

Army ROTC Nursing Scholarships and Air Force ROTC Nursing Scholarships are available through the University of Tennessee ROTC programs. For more detailed information and requirements, call or e-mail the University of Tennessee, Knoxville Army ROTC Recruiting Officer at (865) 974-4512 or [utrotc@utk.edu](mailto:utrotc@utk.edu) or Air Force ROTC Det. 800, 204 Hoskins Library, 865.974.3041 or email: [afrotc@utk.edu](mailto:afrotc@utk.edu)

### **College of Nursing Scholarships**

***Information on and applications for College of Nursing Scholarships can be found on the College website <https://nursing.utk.edu/students/Pages/financialaid.aspx>***

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the UTK College of Nursing has scholarship opportunities available for graduate students. While some scholarships are based on financial need, others reward academic excellence, clinical promise, leadership or volunteer work. Recipients of College of Nursing scholarships are selected by the Scholarship Selection Committee in the spring semester, and funds are distributed the following fall semester.

To apply for College of Nursing scholarships, all graduate students must download and complete the PDF [\*\*\*College of Nursing Scholarship Application\*\*\*](#) and mail it to:

UTK College of Nursing  
Development Office  
1200 Volunteer Boulevard  
Knoxville, TN 37996

All applications for graduate students must be received by April 1. Applications received after April 1 will not be considered.

***All*** students (new or continuing) applying for need-based scholarships are also required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is available online at the [FAFSA website](#). The Federal School Code for UTK is 003530. More information about completing the FAFSA can be obtained through the website of the UTK Office of Financial Aid at the [OneStop website](#).

***The following scholarships administered by the College of Nursing are available to graduate students:***

**Preston/Bell Graduate Fellowship:** Awarded to students enrolled in or admitted to the UTK College of Nursing who are majoring in nursing anesthesia.

**Dr. Lewis Frederick & Mary Sue Preston Endowment Scholarship** Available to students who are currently enrolled or have been admitted to the UTK College of Nursing in the MSN nurse anesthesia program.

**Janet Heffern Endowed Scholarship:** First preference will be given to students enrolled in a graduate program.

**University Anesthesiologist Scholarship:** Must be enrolled in or admitted to attend the UTK College of Nursing with a nurse anesthesia concentration and classified as a graduate level student. Dedicated students and demonstrate successful academic performance, with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Must be eligible and willing to commit to working for University Anesthesiologists for at least 36 months (3 years) upon acquiring certification as a registered nurse anesthetist.

**Robert O. and Phylis Baron Nursing Scholarship:** Scholarships awarded to undergraduate and graduate students. Must be enrolled in or admitted to the College of Nursing, and demonstrate successful academic performance and financial need. Students who receive the Baron Scholarship will have first preference in subsequent years.

**M.T. and Mary Boynton Graduate Nursing Student Endowment:** Student(s) awarded this scholarship shall demonstrate successful academic performance and financial need, and are in pursuit of a graduate-level nursing degree

**Sam Burge Nursing Scholarship:** Awarded to UTK Medical Center employee(s) who meet admission requirements or are enrolled in the UTK College of Nursing and are pursuing a bachelor of science or master's degree. Recipient must maintain 3.0 GPA.

**Joan L. Creasia Endowed Scholarship Fund:** Applicants must be currently enrolled at or admitted to attend the UTK College of Nursing. Applicants must be pursuing a graduate degree in the College of Nursing.

**Dr. Theresa S. Dyer and Harold K. Dyer Graduate Nursing Scholarship Fund:** Students who are native to East Tennessee (born in East Tennessee) or planning to work in East Tennessee for a minimum of three years after graduation, be enrolled in one of the graduate programs of the College of Nursing (masters or doctorate).

**Fraker Family Nursing Scholarship:** First preference shall be given to a student with Tennessee ties (TN resident or graduated from a TN school: high school or college) who plans a life-long career in nursing.

**Susan Dallas Grubbs Memorial Nursing Scholarship:** Applicants must be currently enrolled, or admitted to attend the UTK College of Nursing. Eligible applicants must be from East Tennessee (defined as Johnson City, Tennessee down to Chattanooga, Tennessee and eastward). Preference will be given to applicants who can provide evidence that they are or have been active and involved with either the Boys Scouts or Girl Scouts of America, specifically in the East Tennessee area. Applicants, if a Boy Scout, must have earned either their Life or Eagle Award. If a Girl Scout, applicants must have earned either their Silver or Gold Award.

**Betty Jo McAfee Greene Nursing Scholarship** is open to all nursing students with financial need being the primary consideration.

**George R. Johnson Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship:** Awarded to students from Bradley, Hamilton, Loudon, Marion, Meigs, McMinn, Monroe, Polk, Rhea or Sequatchie Counties in Tennessee.

**Sylvia Hart Scholarship Endowment:** Open to all full-time nursing students who have demonstrated the following: BSN - 3.25 GPA with 90 semester hours

completed; all junior level nursing courses completed with "B" or higher. MSN - 3.5 GPA with 12 graduate credit hours completed with a grade of B or higher for each course. PhD - 3.75 with 18 post masters credit hours completed with a grade of B or higher in each course. The student must submit a letter of application for the scholarship that includes a statement of personal philosophy of nursing, career aspirations and hopes, and dreams for the nursing profession. These statements will be compared within, but not across program levels, to determine the recipients.

**Knoxville Neonatal Associates Excellence in Nursing Endowment:** One annual nursing scholarship award shall be made to a graduating student pursuing a master's degree who has demonstrated outstanding skills, knowledge and professional judgment in any area of specialty.

**Robert Profitt Memorial Scholarship:** Open to all students pursuing a career in trauma care or community health, or who have displayed a commitment to the prevention of gun violence.

**Ronald E. Lawrence Family Scholarship Fund in Nursing:** Awarded to students who have demonstrated successful academic performance. Financial need may be a factor.

**Barbara M. Reid Minority Nursing Fellowship:** To be awarded to qualified African- American students enrolled in the UTK College of Nursing MSN program with preference given to those enrolled full-time, 3.0 GPA, awarded to a recipient for no more than two years, and a U.S. citizen.

**Artie Ruth Reilly Scholarship:** This scholarship is open to any deserving female students that are permanent residents from the Appalachian region of East Tennessee, demonstrating good citizenship, with following restrictions: required to maintain at least an overall B average (3.0 on 4.0 scale), financial need, good moral character, to be used to pay full tuition and academic fees, maintenance fee, university program and service fee, technology fee, application fee, parking fees, and graduation fee.

**UT Federal Credit Union:** Must be enrolled as a full-time student, evaluated as to character and financial need.

**UTK College of Nursing:** Students awarded this scholarship must demonstrate successful academic performance and financial need.

**Patricia A. Walls Endowed Nursing Scholarship:** Preference will be given to single parents and mature students.

## **HOUSING, MEALS, AND TRANSPORTATION**

Students must provide their own housing. There are a variety of housing options throughout the local vicinity. Housing may be obtained through the University Student Housing Office subject to availability. For more information you may call or write:

Associate Director, University Housing  
405 Student Services Building  
Knoxville, TN 37996-3603  
Phone: 865-974-2571

Meals are available for purchase by the student in the cafeterias at each clinical site and on UT Campus. All meals are the responsibility of the individual student.

Students must furnish their own transportation and must abide by The University of Tennessee (and each clinical site's) rules and regulations governing the use of motor vehicles and parking.

## **HEALTH CARE**

All students are required to obtain/maintain basic health and medical care insurance to protect themselves. Family coverage is encouraged. The student may elect to enroll in the University of Tennessee Student Health Insurance Plan or obtain insurance with a private carrier. Proof of personal health insurance coverage must be submitted **each year**. Students are ineligible to register for classes or attend clinicals unless proof of insurance is on file with The University of Tennessee and the program office.

## **STUDENT PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Any semester in which a student does clinical practice the student must have professional liability insurance. The University, under its Liability Insurance Program, will provide the necessary coverage at the lowest possible cost. Liability insurance premiums are added to student fees. **Students must have liability insurance to participate in clinical placements.**

Student Professional Liability Insurance coverage is limited to clinical laboratory experiences (all locations on and off campus) that are a component of nursing courses planned and supervised by faculty and does not cover student employment in clinical facilities. RNs with RN Professional Liability Insurance must still purchase student liability insurance.

## **PERSONAL LEAVE, HOLIDAYS, AND SICK LEAVE**

In addition to holidays as detailed in the following paragraphs, all student registered nurse anesthetists (SRNAs) will be given 15 days of personal time off (PTO) each year beginning September 1 and ending August 31 annually. The only exception to the PTO policy occurs during fall semester of your first year of the program where transitional SRNAs will be off as follows:

- Thanksgiving Day
- Day after Thanksgiving (constitutes 1 PTO day)

- Christmas Day thru New Years Day (constitutes 4 PTO days)

The remaining ten PTO days can be scheduled between January 2 and August 31. This is subject to change based on the calendar placement of the holidays.

PTO time cannot be carried over from the first year to the second year. These PTO days shall be utilized by the SRNA whenever they need release from clinical responsibilities for any reason (examples include, but are not limited to: sick leave, physician appointments, vacation requests, and funeral leave). Any SRNA who has absences from a scheduled clinical practicum in excess of 15 days per 12 calendar months, will have to make-up the excess time at the discretion and convenience of the administrative faculty. No SRNA will be eligible for program completion until this clinical practicum deficit has been removed.

If more than 15 days of PTO are required in any calendar year, the student must make arrangements with the Concentration Coordinator. Students will not be recommended for graduation until all clinical time in excess of these limits has been corrected.

## **LIBRARY**

Educational materials of the Anesthesia Concentration at the University of Tennessee Medical Center, are available for student use. Periodicals/books may be checked out through the program's Administrative Support Specialist. These periodicals/books must be returned by the due date. The UT Medical Center Library (The Preston Medical Library) and all library services of The University of Tennessee campus are available for student use. Nurse Anesthesia Concentration students have access to all libraries on the UTK campus. To find out more information about library services available to you, please visit <http://www.lib.utk.edu/>

## **EVALUATIONS**

Informal Formative clinical and didactic evaluations occur frequently during each semester. Formative Mid-term evaluations will be performed and if any deficits or outstanding achievements are identified they will be discussed with the student in a conference with the NAC Administrative Faculty. Formal Summative evaluations are performed at the end of each semester and will be discussed with each student in a private evaluation conference with the Concentration Coordinator and other appropriate concentration administrative faculty if necessary.

## **STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**

Due to the intensity and workload of the graduate curriculum and practicum, students are discouraged from working. If students elect to work part-time, they may do so as long as academic and clinical performance are not compromised. Under no circumstances may any student engage in the delivery of anesthesia care outside the educational training program. **Any student discovered to be administering anesthesia care, except as a component of their clinical education, will be immediately dismissed from the program.**

## **TRANSFER**

Transferred course credit must be reviewed by the Program Director/Concentration Coordinator, approved by the Chair of the Master's Program, and subsequently by the Graduate School. A "Transfer Credit Request Form" can be obtained from the College of Nursing's Student Services Office, Room 203. Official transcripts of all transferred courses must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Admissions and Records. The courses must (a) have been taken for graduate level credit; (b) carry a grade of B or better; (c) be part of a graduate program in which the student had a B average; (d) be listed on the student's *Admission to Candidacy Form*; and (e) not have been used as a

graduation requirement in a previous master's program. Transfer course policies are found in the current UT Graduate Catalog. Please be aware that final determination of the acceptability of transfer credit will not be processed until a student is admitted to the anesthesia concentration. There are no guarantees of the acceptance of any transfer credit until all parties have approved the credit transfer.

### **PROGRESSION**

The practice of anesthesia requires a special kind of temperament, judgment, and confidence, which is not always apparent upon first meeting. If a student does not meet the requirements as determined by the faculty, he or she may be asked to withdraw. The faculty reserves the right to request the withdrawal of a student if his/her conduct, rate of progress, or other circumstances justify such action at any time during the program. Specific student rights in association with progression are detailed in several separate documents. These include, but are not limited to:

1. College of Nursing Handbook, due process
2. Hilltopics, student handbook
3. Graduate catalog
4. Nurse Anesthesia Concentration Handbook Addendum

### **NONDISCRIMINATION**

All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration for employment and admissions without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, or covered veteran status.

Eligibility and other terms and conditions of employment benefits at The University of Tennessee are governed by laws and regulations of the State of Tennessee, and this non-discrimination statement is intended to be consistent with those laws and regulations.

In accordance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, The University of Tennessee affirmatively states that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, or disability in its education programs and activities, and this policy extends to employment by the University.

Inquiries and charges of violation of Title VI (race, color, national origin), Title IX (sex), Section 504 (disability), ADA (disability), Age Discrimination in Employment Act (age), sexual orientation, or veteran status should be directed to the Office of Equity and Diversity (OED), 1840 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-3560, telephone (865) 974-2498. Requests for accommodation of a disability should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at the Office of Equity and Diversity.

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