University of Puerto Rico
Medical Sciences Campus
School of Nursing

Mission DNP-SA

To prepare highly qualified, advanced nurse anesthesia professionals at the doctoral level with a solid foundation in evidence-based practice, critical thinking skills, quality improvement, and systems leadership; that lead and foster collaborative efforts while educating and providing the best quality of anesthesia care to society.

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The mission of the School of Nursing is to prepare highly qualified nursing professionals, leaders in service, education, and research at various levels, committed to working ethically and interprofessionally to contribute to the accessibility and well-being of multiple sectors of the population.

Criteria for Students Selection

A minimum average of 70% as a result of the sum of the following criteria:

⇨ Cumulative GPA	20%
⇨ Minimum Specific Index	25%
⇨ Simulation	15%
⇨ Personal Interview	25%
⇨ Scientific Paper Analysis	10%
⇨ Analysis of Curriculum Vitae	5%

Admission Capacity

Seventeen (17) students.

Foreign Students

The nursing professional credentials must be submitted to a US credentialing center to determine equivalent standards required in the BSN program at the University of Puerto Rico.

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Doctor of Nursing Practice
with Specialty in Anesthesia

University of Puerto Rico – Nurse Anesthesia Program

Program of Study DNP-NA

The Program is composed of eighty-seven (87) credits. Students should complete 1,071 didactic hours and 2,544 hours of clinical practice, including 1,152 hours of residency I & II. The maximum period to meet all didactic and clinical requirements is 54 months or 4.5 years.

All courses are delivered in Spanish. Tests, references, books, journals, and other printed material are in English.

Graduation Requirements

The candidate must have completed the didactic and clinical program requirements for granting the degree. It includes completion of 87 credits, for the degree, a GPA of 3.00 or above, approval of specialty coursed with a minimum of a B, completion of all didactic courses and clinical hours as specified by the NAP.

Curricular Design

Summer Year – I
- Applied Biostatistics
- Chemistry, Biochemistry, & Physics
- Evidence-Based Practice Principles

Fall Year – I
- Basics of Anesthesia I
- Advanced Pharmacology for Anesthesia I
- Advanced Pathophysiology I
- Advanced Human Anatomy and Physiology

Spring Year – I
- Basics of Anesthesia II
- Advanced Pharmacology for Anesthesia II
- Advanced Pathophysiology II
- Advanced Health Assessment
- Clinical Practice I

Summer Year – II
- Nursing Theories, Professional, & Legal Aspects
- A Team Based Practice Approach to Healthcare Seminar
- Clinical Practice II

Fall Year – II
- Healthcare Policies
- Informatics and Health Technologies
- Advanced Principles of Anesthesia I
- Clinical Practice III

Spring Year – II
- Advanced Principles of Anesthesia II
- DNP Project I
- Anesthesia for Special Populations
- Clinical Practice IV

Summer Year – III
- Advanced Principles of Anesthesia III
- Comprehensive Nurse Anesthesia Examination
- Clinical Practice V

Fall Year – III
- Healthcare Finance & Economics
- DNP Project II
- Residency I

Spring Year – III
- Nurse Anesthesia Review
- Residency II

Admission Criteria

- Possess a Baccalaureate or Master degree in nursing from a nationally accredited program (CCNE or ACEN).

- A 3.00 GPA in general education courses, sciences, and nursing courses.

- Undergraduate Statistics and Chemistry courses with B grade or better (3 credits each).

- English proficiency as evidenced by TOEFL (preferably a general score of **80** or above and a specific reading score of **20** or more). Required for students not completing high school or college education in the continental U.S.

- Demonstrate Spanish proficiency during the interview process.

- To comply with state laws, all students are required to be licensed as registered nurse in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The license is required at the beginning of the study program.

- Must have a minimum of **one year** (two preferred) of full-time work experience (2,080hours), or its part-time equivalent, as a registered nurse in a **critical care setting** within the last five years.

- Possess current competency in Basic Life Support (**BLS**), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (**ACLS**) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support certifications (**PALS**).

- **Three letters of recommendation**.
  a) most recent employer
  b) a health care professional preferably a licensed physician or a CRNA
  c) a teacher that can attest to the academic suitability of the candidate to pursue graduate education.

- Complete the official application kit and submit the required supporting documentation.

*For a complete list and detailed information about requirements, please visit our website.