Doctoral
Doctor of Nursing Practice
Nurse Anesthesia

Degrees Available at SIUE
• Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
  Please note that international students are ineligible to receive a student visa for this program.

Specializations
• Nurse Anesthesia

Nurse Anesthesia DNP at SIUE
The nurse anesthesia DNP specialization prepares registered nurses with baccalaureate or graduate degrees in nursing to provide individualized anesthetic patient care for surgical, diagnostic, therapeutic or pain management procedures. Nurse anesthetist practices are based on both institutional and state policies, but are usually in collaboration with physicians. Nurse anesthetists are well respected and often work autonomously, especially in rural areas where they may be the sole anesthesia providers.

The nurse anesthesia DNP specialization offers courses and clinical experiences that meet or exceed the standards of the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Program (COA). The NA DNP program at SIUE is fully accredited through May 2030 by COA, 222 S. Prospect Ave., Suite 304, Park Ridge, IL 60068-4010.

Within the specialization, students learn to provide anesthetic care in diverse settings, including both rural and urban settings. Following graduation, students will meet the minimum didactic and clinical requirements to become eligible to take the National Certification Examination offered by the National Board on Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists. The nurse anesthesia DNP specialization is offered full time over nine semesters (36 months) on the Edwardsville campus.

Application Requirements
• Complete a NursingCAS application prior to the established deadline
• A degree in nursing from a CCNE, NLNAC or ACEN accredited program. Graduates from non-NLNAC, CCNE or ACEN accredited programs may be evaluated on an individual basis. Please contact the School of Nursing for more information.
• An unencumbered license as a registered professional nurse and/or an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) in the United States or its territories or protectorates
• Submission of all postsecondary academic transcripts to NursingCAS
• Minimum undergraduate nursing GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
• Submission of a resume or curriculum vitae (CV) to NursingCAS
• Submission of a personal statement to NursingCAS
• Submission of three professional reference forms via NursingCAS
  o One must be from the supervisor of your most recent critical care setting
  o One must be from a nurse holding a graduate degree in nursing or a related field

Nurse Anesthesia Faculty
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**Application Deadline**
The application deadline is May 1 for the class entering in the following May.

The program generally interviews candidates in July and admits them to the School of Nursing with notification in August to enroll in May of the following year. Once accepted, a non-refundable advance deposit fee of $1,000 is required to secure a seat in the nurse anesthesia cohort (applied towards future tuition). Payment is due within two weeks of admission to the School of Nursing to validate the candidate’s commitment to enroll in the program.

Applicants may follow up with the Recruitment Specialist at 618-650-3930 for additional questions or to check on the status of an application.

**Graduation Requirements**
Doctoral students in the School of Nursing’s Nurse Anesthesia option must complete all courses with a GPA of 3.0/4.0, which includes successful completion of all clinical practicum experiences. Nurse anesthesia students must also successfully complete a DNP project.

**Required Credit Hours/Tuition and Fees**
- **80**
- Visit siue.edu/graduate-tuition for detailed tuition information

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