

# UTC/Erlanger Health Systems MSN Nurse Anesthesia Concentration

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**CHATTANOOGA**

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Master's of Science in Nursing degree, Nurse Anesthesia Concentration is a 27-month program that requires full-time study. Upon completion of all didactic and clinical requirements with a specialization in nurse anesthesia, the graduate will be eligible to take the National Certification Examination offered by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists.

The curriculum is comprised of core courses that cover research and theoretical considerations of advanced nursing practice, and professional and economic issues associated with today's healthcare environment. The specialty specific courses address the basic and advanced principles and practices of anesthesia with heavy emphasis on physiology, pathophysiology, and pharmacology.

The clinical anesthesia practicum courses begin in the first fall semester and continue throughout duration of the program.

Students begin to administer anesthesia under constant supervision of clinical CRNA and/or anesthesiologist preceptors.

Our curriculum is demanding and rigorous. The time commitment required of successful students is substantial.

## ADMISSIONS

Although each applicant is considered on an individual basis, the following are requirements for the Nurse Anesthesia concentration:

- A baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing from a National League for Nursing or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education accredited program.
- Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all undergraduate nursing courses.
- Currently held unencumbered TN RN licensure as a registered nurse in Tennessee or eligibility for Tennessee licensure.
- Students must have BLS, ACLS, and PALS certifications prior to enrollment. CCRN is strongly preferred.
- At least two years of critical care nursing experience is required for admission to the nurse anesthesia concentration.
- Credible and current (no more than five years old) scores from either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT)
- Official transcripts from all previous educational institutions are required.
- Three references required from the following who can attest to the applicant's clinical knowledge, skill, and potential aptitude for graduate study (e.g. colleague, supervisor, MD or nursing instructor)
- Resume and personal statement is required.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Full Accreditation:** The Nurse Anesthesia Concentration is fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Education Programs (COA).
- **Tuition Benefits:** UTC offers some of the lowest tuition rates in the region. In addition UTC participates with fifteen other states in the Academic Common Market.
- **High Pass Rates:** UTC Nurse Anesthesia students traditionally score above the national average on their certification examination after graduation.
- **No Competition:** Nurse anesthesia students at UTC never have to compete with residents for the opportunities to participate in challenging clinical experiences.
- **North Mississippi Medical Center Partnership:** Through state-of-the-art distance learning technology, students in Tupelo, MS are able to attend courses while making their clinical rotations at North Mississippi Medical Center. For more info, visit [www.utc.edu/TEAMCRNA](http://www.utc.edu/TEAMCRNA).



## DEADLINE FOR ADMISSION

### August 1

For more  
information about the  
program, please contact:

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## CURRICULUM

### NURSE ANESTHESIA CONCENTRATION: SAMPLE PROGRAM OF STUDY

#### Summer Year I (May - August)

N5000	Conceptual & Theoretical Foundations of Nursing	3
N5830	Advanced Health Assessment	2
N5840	Advanced Health Assessment Lab	1
N5160	Diversity & Ethical Issues in Advanced Practice	3
N5420	Advanced Anatomy & Physiology for Anesthesia I	3
N5440	Integrated Health Sciences for Nurse Anesthesia	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		15

#### Fall Year I (August - December)

N5430	Advanced Anatomy & Physiology for Anesthesia II	3
N5450	Principles of Nurse Anesthesia—Basics	3
N5810	Advanced Pharmacology for Nurse Anesthesia Practice	3
N5610	Clinical Nurse Anesthesia Practicum I	4
Total Semester Credit Hours		13

#### Spring Year I (January - April)

N5040	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
N5460	Principles of Advanced Anesthesia I	2
N5620	Clinical Nurse Anesthesia Practicum II	6
Total Semester Credit Hours		11

#### Summer Year II (May - August)

N5120	Health Policy, Finance, & Economics	3
N5800	Advanced Pharmacology	3
N5630	Clinical Nurse Anesthesia Practicum III	4
N5640	Clinical Nurse Anesthesia Practicum IV	4
Total Semester Credit Hours		14

#### Fall Year II (August - December)

N5010	Nursing Research with Statistical Applications	4
N5480	Principles of Advanced Anesthesia II	2
N5650	Clinical Nurse Anesthesia Practicum V	8
Total Semester Credit Hours		14

#### Spring Year II (January - April)

N5410	Professional Aspects of Nurse Anesthesia Practice	2
N5660	Clinical Nurse Anesthesia Practicum VI	8
Total Semester Credit Hours		10

#### Summer Year III (May - August)

N5670	Clinical Nurse Anesthesia Practicum VII	4
N5680	Clinical Nurse Anesthesia Practicum VIII	4
Total Semester Credit Hours		8
<b>Total Curriculum Credit Hours</b>		<b>85</b>

The School of Nursing reserves the right to make changes in the schedule, or Master plan of graduate courses to be offered, as necessary.

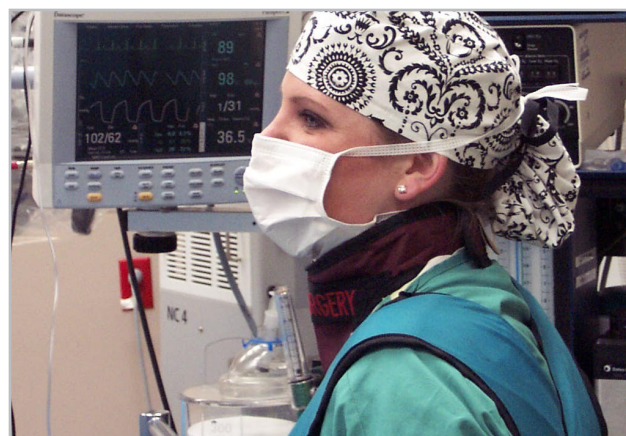
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### FINANCIAL AID

For information about financial aid and scholarships, visit the UTC Financial Aid Office website at [www.utc.edu/FinancialAid](http://www.utc.edu/FinancialAid). For additional information about tuition or expenses, visit [www.utc.edu/Nursing/crna/student\\_expenses](http://www.utc.edu/Nursing/crna/student_expenses).



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