



Preparing for Future Admissions to the Nurse Anesthesia DNP Program

As of fall 2020, Penn Nursing students can no longer submatriculate or transfer into the Nurse Anesthesia DNP (DNP-NA) program. However, students may take graduate level classes during their BSN program that will count towards the DNP-NA degree and receive an application fee waiver when they apply as alumni.

Steps for Current Students

- Current students are encouraged to research the DNP-NA program at any time during their BSN/ABSN program.
- Fill out [this interest form](#) to stay up to date about information sessions and application deadlines.
- Review [the website](#) for an overview of the program and admissions requirements.
- Attend an information session – information sessions will be held each fall and spring.
- Current students can take up to three graduate level courses from the below list that will count towards their graduate degree. Students must be in good academic standing to enroll in graduate level courses. Students should reach out to their advisor to discuss their plan of study.
 - NUR 607 – Advanced Physiology and Pathology*
 - NUR 540 – Current Issues in Health and Social Policy
 - NUR 500 – Introduction to Principles and Methods of Epidemiology
 - NUR 748 – Leadership Development in Healthcare*
 - NUR 547 – Scientific Inquiry for Evidence Based Practice
- *607 and 748 require permission to enroll. Please e-mail the Registrar's Office at registrar@nursing.upenn.edu to receive a permit.

Work Experience Requirement

- Applicants must have a minimum of two years of ICU/critical care work experience (post-orientation) working with the most critically ill patients by time of matriculation. Our most competitive applicants typically have two years or more of experience at time of application.
- The following areas **do not** count towards the work experience requirement: Neonatal ICU, Emergency Room, Recovery Room, Step Down Units, and Interventional Radiology.

Application Requirements

- Online application
 - All materials must be submitted online: <https://apply.nursing.upenn.edu/apply/>
- Essays
 - Applicants are required to submit two essays.
- Recommendations
 - Three recommendations are required. The Admissions Committee prefers a mix of academic and professional recommendations, with one from your current employer/supervisor. Applicants can request up to five recommendations.
- Transcript(s)
 - Upload unofficial transcripts from all institutions attended.

- Official transcripts are only required if admitted.
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
 - The GRE will be waived if your cumulative BSN GPA is a 3.2 or higher or you have a master's degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Application Fee
 - The application fee is waived for Penn Nursing alumni. **DO NOT** pay the application fee. It will be waived within one week of submitting your application.
- Enrollment deposit
 - If admitted and you choose to enroll, a \$2,500 deposit is required to reserve a place in the DNP-NA program.

Pass/Fail Option

- Graduate level courses you intend to count towards your graduate degree cannot be taken pass/fail.

Questions?

- Program questions – Dawn Bent, Program Director (bentd@nursing.upenn.edu) or Angelarosa DiDonato, Associate Program Director (angelaro@nursing.upenn.edu)
- General admissions/application questions – admissions@nursing.upenn.edu
- Advising and course selection questions – advisor@nursing.upenn.edu