

# DOCTOR OF NURSE ANESTHESIA PRACTICE (DNAP)

## Introduction

The Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) Program is designed for the registered nurse who wishes to assume a leadership role within the profession of nurse anesthesia. In addition to preparing students to be competent, skilled nurse anesthesia practitioners, it is the mission of the program to nurture and develop innovative, creative leaders for the advancement of the profession. The DNAP degree is a practice doctorate that provides DNAP students with robust clinical experiences gained through completing over 2800 clinical hours during the program. The Nurse Anesthesia Program is an integrated program; the first semester is primarily didactic, with clinical rotations beginning in the second semester.

Graduates of Gonzaga's DNAP program receive an evidence-based experience blending clinical anesthesia practice with leadership strategies. The curriculum of Gonzaga's DNAP program builds on the extensive education of program participants. In addition to learning the practice of nurse anesthesia, candidates learn to engage in systems thinking to solve complex problems, translate evidence to improve health care practices and population health, lead quality improvement and change initiatives, and demonstrate effective intraprofessional collaboration in the nurse anesthesia field.

The DNAP Program is jointly owned and operated by Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center (dba Providence Health Care) and Gonzaga University. The program has clinical rotations throughout Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Oregon. Clinical rotations at assigned clinical sites are mandatory and will be scheduled by the program. Clinical sites are located throughout the States of Washington, Idaho and Montana.

**Eastern Washington Clinical Sites:** Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center and Children's Hospital, Providence Holy Family Hospital, Providence Mount Carmel Hospital, Mann-Grandstaff Veteran's Medical Center, Pullman Regional Hospital, Kadlec Regional Medical Center MultiCare Deaconess Hospital, and MultiCare Valley Hospital.

**Western Washington Clinical Sites:** Providence Regional Medical Center- Everett Colby Campus, Providence Regional Medical Center- Everett Pacific Campus, Providence Centralia Hospital, Swedish First Hill Campus, Swedish Hospital- Cherry Hill Campus, Swedish Orthopedic Institute, Harborview Medical Center, University of Washington Medical Center-Mont Lake, and the Puget Sound Veteran's Medical Center

**Idaho Clinical Sites:** Pleasant View Surgery Center, Kootenai Health, Inland Northwest Anesthesia and Pain, St. Mary's Hospital, Clearwater Valley Hospitals and clinics.

**Montana Clinical Site:** Anaconda Community Hospital

**Oregon Clinical Site:** Providence Milwaukie Hospital

## Admission

1. Students applying to Gonzaga University must submit Gonzaga's Graduate Application, which can be accessed online at <https://www.gonzaga.edu/gradapply> (<https://www.gonzaga.edu/gradapply/>)

2. Along with the application for graduate study, each program at Gonzaga has distinct admission requirements. Please refer to the table below to view that detailed information.

Program Name	How to Apply Link
Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP)	<a href="https://www.gonzaga.edu/school-of-health-sciences/departments/doctor-of-nurse-anesthesia/eligibility-and-admission">https://www.gonzaga.edu/school-of-health-sciences/departments/doctor-of-nurse-anesthesia/eligibility-and-admission</a> ( <a href="https://www.gonzaga.edu/school-of-health-sciences/departments/doctor-of-nurse-anesthesia/eligibility-and-admission/">https://www.gonzaga.edu/school-of-health-sciences/departments/doctor-of-nurse-anesthesia/eligibility-and-admission/</a> )

## Program Expectations

- Attendance is required in all clinical and didactic courses.
- Hours of Duty: Didactic classes may be scheduled between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Evening classes or seminars are occasionally held. After the first semester, clinical duty begins at 6:00 a.m. During the second and third years of the program, students rotate to 3p-11 p, 7a-7p, 7p-7a, Weekends, 12-16 hour rotations. Clinical hours and expectations escalate in the program from an average of 16 hours of clinical to 44 hours. The maximum number of clinical and didactic hours allowed per week by the COA is 64.
- Academic Performance  
The DNAP Program has program-specific grading policies. **All courses must be completed with a 3.0/Satisfactory or higher grade.** If a student earns a grade below a 3.0 in any course, he/she will be placed on probation. Subsequent or additional grades below a 3.0 are grounds for dismissal from the Nurse Anesthesia Program. Appeals will be in accordance with the Nurse Anesthesia Program appeal policy located in the DNAP Student Handbook; grade remediation is in accordance with individual instructors' grading policies.

## Program Requirements

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Starting Summer</b>		
DNAP 701	Basic Principles Anesthesia I	3
DNAP 711	Anatomy and Advanced Physiology I	3
DNAP 721	Advanced Pharmacology I	3
DNAP 731	Advanced Health Assessment	3
DNAP 761	Evidence Based Practice in Anesthesia	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Fall</b>		
DNAP 702	Basic Principles Anesthesia II	3
DNAP 712	Advanced Physiology II	3
DNAP 722	Advanced Pharmacology II	4
DNAP 781	Clinical Practicum: I (108 clinical hours))	1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>11</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
DNAP 703	Advanced Principles: Anesthesia - Regional	3
DNAP 713	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
DNAP 723	Advanced Pharmacology III	3
DNAP 741	Chemistry and Physics in Anesthesia	2
DNAP 782	Clinical Practicum: II (390 clinical hours)	1
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Starting Summer</b>		
DNAP 704	Advanced Principles: Obstetric Anesthesia	3

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DNAP 755	Medical Ethics	3
DNAP 783	Clinical Practicum: III (480 clinical hours)	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>8</b>
<b>Fall</b>		
DNAP 705	Advanced Principles: Anesthesia Across Lifespan	3
DNAP 754	Culture, Diversity and Health Care Policy	3
DNAP 762	Research Methods, Design, and Data Analysis	3
DNAP 784	Clinical Practicum: IV (480 clinical hours)	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>11</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
DNAP 706	Advanced Principles: Neurosurgery and Thoracic Anesthesiology	2
DNAP 760	Leadership and Quality Improvement	3
DNAP 763	Research Methods II	2
DNAP 785	Clinical Practicum: V (480 clinical hours)	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>Starting Summer</b>		
DNAP 707	Advanced Principles: Cardiac and Vascular Anesthesiology	2
DNAP 759	Professional Role Development	3
DNAP 764	Scholarly Project I	2
DNAP 786	Clinical Practicum: VI (480 clinical hours)	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Fall</b>		
DNAP 708	Advanced Principles: Acute and Chronic Pain Management	2
DNAP 765	Scholarly Project II	2
DNAP 787	Clinical Practicum: VII (480 clinical hours)	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
DNAP 709	Advanced Principles of Anesthesiology: Integration	3
DNAP 742	Crisis Management in Anesthesia	2
DNAP 769	Oral Exam	0
DNAP 788	Clinical Practicum: VIII (480 clinical hours)	2
<b>Hours</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>88</b>