

DNAP: DOCTOR OF NURSE ANESTHESIA PRACTICE

Doctorate Program



Central to Meeting Critical Anesthesia Workforce Needs.

Central's Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) program strives to train critical care nurses to become highly proficient nurse anesthesia practitioners. The demand for nurse anesthesia practitioners will increase dramatically in the coming years and, beginning in 2025, all entry-level nurse anesthetists must possess an earned doctoral degree in anesthesia.

In collaboration with Yale New Haven Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia and Nurse Anesthesia Program of Hartford, our DNAP provides a practicebased doctoral degree in nurse anesthesia that will enable critical care registered nurses to become either certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) or for practicing CRNAs possessing a Master's degree, to acquire a doctoral completion degree. These doctorate-level practitioners are well positioned to advance the profession as leaders, delivering expert anesthesia care through an expanded understanding of evidence-based medicine, bioethics, healthcare policy and patient safety.

Program Options

- **Entry-Level Cohort:** For bachelor's prepared critical care registered nurses
This is an 80- to 86-credit program
First 12 months are spent full-time on Central's campus with 700-level hybrid courses
Remaining 24 months are spent between Central and program specific clinical sites
- **Advanced Specialization Cohort:** For CRNAs possessing a master's degree
This is a 30- to 38-credit program
Program is offered on a 5-semester or 8-semester option in a hybrid structure

Program Features

- Starts every May (Entry-Level Cohort) and August (Advanced Specialization Cohort)
- Classes offered on-campus and hybrid
- Dedicated faculty
- IAA's Nurse Anesthesia Program of Hartford and Yale New Haven Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia are accredited by the COA and NECHE
- Financial aid is available



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What You'll Gain

- Understanding of best-practice models for nurse anesthesia patient care management through integration of knowledge acquired from arts and sciences within the context of the scope and standards of nurse anesthesia practice
- Ability to use evidence-based practice in clinical decision making, develop and assess strategies to improve patient outcomes and quality of care
- Skills to assess and evaluate health outcomes in a variety of populations, clinical settings, and systems
- Leadership techniques to facilitate interprofessional and intraprofessional collaboration
- Understanding and use of information systems/ technology and clinical and research databases to support and improve patient safety and healthcare systems



DID YOU KNOW?

Entry to Practice cohorts 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 all had a 100% NCE pass rate.

The first CCSU DNAP Cohort graduated in 2020.

Applying for Admission

Admission requirements can be found by visiting, ccsu.edu/dnaprequirements.

Prospective students should access the application through the affiliated hospital school of nurse anesthesia website.

The affiliated program websites are provided below.

Students have an opportunity to access and apply through each affiliated program.



Integrated Anesthesia Associates

Nurse Anesthesia Program of Hartford:

iaapartners.com/education/nurse-anesthesia-program-of-hartford



YaleNewHavenHealth
Yale New Haven Hospital

Yale New Haven Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia:

ynhh.org/medical-professionals/sna

ABOUT CENTRAL:

Central Connecticut State University is the largest university within the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system. Founded in 1849, Central is also the state's oldest publicly funded university. Our campus is located in New Britain, Connecticut. Central is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

