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Policy Title: BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program – Student Admission

Minimum admission requirements for the BSN-DNP Nurse Anesthesia (NA) program are established by the BSN-DNP NA Faculty Committee. The number of BSN- DNP nurse anesthesia students admitted each year is determined by availability of qualified faculty and clinical resources. Each applicant is reviewed on an individual basis according to admissions criteria.

Criteria for Admission:

One official copy of transcripts from each institution attended. If attended any school within The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston it is not necessary to request a transcript. Electronic submission is preferred. Transcript(s) should include:

- A baccalaureate degree in nursing earned from a nationally accredited program with a GPA of 3.0 or above.
- A completed course in organic chemistry or biochemistry with a grade of “B” within the last 5 years.

Three (3) letters of reference attesting to the applicant’s academic and clinical ability and potential for doctoral study (at least one reference must be from a professional nursing supervisor/manager and one from an academic faculty/ professor who has previously taught the applicant).

Official scores for the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) taken within five years preceding application. GRE only is accepted. The program prefers the following scores: 151 Verbal; 144 Quantitative; 3.5 written.

If international applicant, one official copy of TOEFL score. TOEFL scores can be no more than two (2) years old; a minimum score of 550 is required on the paper exam, a minimum score of 213 on the computer-based exam; or a minimum score of 86 on the internet-based exam.

If an international student, a course-by-course evaluation of international credentials by Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) of individuals with degrees from outside the United States.

Eligibility for or evidence of unencumbered, current Texas license without stipulations to practice as a Registered Nurse in Texas.

Documentation of a minimum of one (1) year current work experience in a critical care nursing practice role. Two years of experience in this role is preferred.

A 500-word statement (in the format required by the application process) describing area of practice interest, career goals, and reasons for desiring doctoral study.

A curriculum vitae that documents practice experience, professional activities, and presentations/publications.

Qualified applicants will be interviewed by faculty members to provide an opportunity to assess whether the program interfaces with the applicant's educational needs and career goals.

Acceptance is contingent upon successful completion of a course in organic chemistry/biochemistry, immunization screening, immigration status clearance, Health Care Provider Basic Life Support (CPR) certification, Advanced Cardiac Life Support certification (ACLS), Pediatric Advanced Life Support certification (PALS) and clearance of the mandatory criminal background check and drug screen. All new students must successfully clear a criminal background check and drug screen prior to enrollment.