

Frequently Asked Questions

What qualifies as critical care experience?

The Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) defines critical care as “where, on a routine basis, the registered professional nurse manages one or more of the following: invasive hemodynamic monitors (e.g., pulmonary artery, central venous pressure, and arterial catheters), cardiac assist devices, mechanical ventilation, and vasoactive infusions.”

<http://www.coacrna.org/accreditation/Pages/Accreditation-Policies-Procedures-and-Standards.aspx>



Do students get personal leave?

During the first year of the program, students are required to follow the vacation and holiday schedules of the University of Missouri-Kansas City. During each of years 2 and 3, students receive 10 personal days and 8 holidays for a total of 36 days. In addition, students are allowed up to 7 professional days to attend national professional meetings, medical missions, and other pre-approved professional activities throughout the program.

Can a student be granted a leave of absence?

Leave of absence is granted only under exceptional circumstances.

Are holidays observed during the clinical practicums?

Eight holidays are observed by the School: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day (observed the day following Thanksgiving), Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Students scheduled to work on a holiday will receive an extra personal day off in lieu of the holiday worked.

Is health insurance available?

Truman Medical Center provides health insurance for the individual student at no cost to the student. Family plans are also available for purchase.

Is malpractice insurance provided?

Professional liability insurance coverage is provided by Truman Medical Center for all students during the program.

Is housing or transportation provided?

Housing and transportation are the responsibility of the student. Students will be required to travel to clinical sites outside the Kansas City area. For clinical affiliate rotations greater than 60 miles from TMC Hospital Hill, housing is provided for the student. Currently, there is no cost to the student for housing at distant educational sites.

Is financial assistance available?

Financial assistance information is available through UMKC Financial Aid and Scholarships Department (<http://finaid.umkc.edu/>).

What time commitment should I expect?

Students will not be required to commit more than 64 hours per week. This time commitment includes the sum of the hours spent in the classroom and clinical setting. This does not include time spent studying for course work which is dependent on the student.

Will I take call?

Students are assigned to take call with a CRNA Instructor only following the completion of basic orientation. Students do not have clinical commitments on the day following call. Students are, however, required to attend any scheduled classes on their day off after call.

Can I work while I'm in nurse anesthesia school?

No student anesthetist, by position or responsibility, may be employed at any time to administer anesthesia, at any location, during the program. Part-time employment is strongly advised against and should not interfere with academic and clinical commitments. Students who have academic or clinical problems should not seek part-time employment as a nurse until such problems are resolved.



Do you accept transfer students?

TMC does not accept transfer students from other anesthesia programs. Should a TMC student wish to transfer to another program, all necessary records will be remitted upon proper request.

Is it possible that graduation may be deferred?

Deferred graduation will be considered whenever the student has not successfully completed the minimum clinical and didactic anesthesia requirements as defined by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).

Why a DNP?

Completion of the DNP program encompasses the vision of the Institute of Medicine recommendations for future healthcare providers and advanced practice nurses. The degree is guided by the essential requirements set forth by the AACN, CCNE, and COA as essential for doctoral level education in advanced practice nurse anesthesia.

What is the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists?

The American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) (<https://www.aana.com>) is the professional association representing over 50,000 nurse anesthetists.

Is there a state association for nurse anesthetists?

Yes, each state has a professional association. Information can be found on the Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists website (<https://www.moana.org>).

How is the job market?

CRNA Job Search (<https://www.gaswork.com/section/CRNA>)

Where can I find out more about Kansas City?

VisitKC (<https://www.visitkc.com>)

KCVisitors Information (<http://kcmo.gov>)

The Kansas City Star (<http://www.kansascity.com>)