

School of Nursing

Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia

History

The School of Nursing originated as a diploma program at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in 1923. In 1990, Our Lady of the Lake College was established based on the recommendation of the nursing faculty. The diploma program was transitioned to an Associate of Science in Nursing program. The first class was admitted in 1990. The nurse anesthesia program was initiated in 2005 to provide the opportunity for baccalaureate prepared registered nurses to complete a Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia. The program admitted its first class in August 2005.

Purpose

The purpose of the nurse anesthesia program is to prepare the registered nurse for advanced clinical practice in the field of anesthesia as a certified registered nurse anesthetist. The graduates of this program receive a Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia. Upon successful completion, the student will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination offered by the Council on Certification for Nurse Anesthetists (CCNA).

Enrollment

Applicants to the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia program must complete an application specific to the program. Applications are due on or before December 1st for the August class. Enrollment is limited and admission is via a competitive selection process.

Length of Program

The program is a 28 month continuous program with no semester breaks. There is no provision for part-time study.

Application Procedure

Visit www.ololcollege.edu or contact the Office of Admissions at 225-768-1700.

Tuition

See the published Tuition & Fee Schedule in the application packet or on our Web site.

Financial Assistance

Our Lady of the Lake College has financial aid counselors available to assist students with the financial aid process. All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form available at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Graduation Rate/Certification Pass Rate/Employment Outlook

The nurse anesthesia program at Our Lady of the Lake College has an average graduation rate of 95%. The pass rate on the certification exam was 100% for the first cohort that graduated in December 2007. The potential for employment is excellent.

Transferability

Transfer credit for graduate courses from other institutions will be accepted according to college policy. Students may be allowed to transfer up to three credit hours of graduate level statistics to be used toward the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia degree.

Accreditation

Our Lady of the Lake College Nurse Anesthesia program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA), 222 S. Prospect Ave., Suite 304, Park Ridge, IL 60068-4010. Our Lady of the Lake College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate, and master's degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the status of Our Lady of the Lake College. The School of Nursing is fully approved by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810, (225) 755-7500, <http://www.lsbns.state.la.us>) and holds accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000, <http://www.nlnac.org>).

Admission Requirements

Applicants should fulfill the following criteria to be considered for admission:

1. Current, unrestricted licensure as a registered nurse (RN).
2. Graduate of an accredited school of nursing at the RN level.
3. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from an accredited college or university.
4. Minimum of 1-year at full-time (2 years preferred) experience as a RN in an adult critical care setting; adult intensive care unit preferred.
5. Academic preparedness for advanced sciences and clinical skills.
6. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within last 5 years. An official copy must be submitted. A formula score determined by using a sliding scale between GRE and grade point average (GPA) is used and the applicant must meet minimum entrance requirements.
7. Completion of application requirements as stated in the application instructions.
8. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
9. Application completed by advertised deadline.
10. Current CPR, ACLS and PALS certification.
11. CCRN recognition is encouraged; CCRN is required if applicant re-applies to the program.
12. One undergraduate or graduate chemistry course.

Prior to enrollment, you must possess current licensure as a registered nurse in Louisiana.

Curriculum Plan

Students seeking the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia must complete the 80 credit hours in the curriculum. The responsibility of the program is to offer a comprehensive didactic and clinical curriculum in the field of nurse anesthesia. Classroom work provides a knowledge base for advanced pharmacology, anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology, and principles of nurse anesthesia. Clinical work is extensive and prepares the nurse to provide anesthesia services for various patient populations.

Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia Curriculum Plan

| Semester 1 | Credit Hours | Semester 2 | Credit Hours |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| ANES 5310 | 3 | ANES 5320 | 3 |
| ANES 5330 | 3 | ANES 5421 | 4 |
| ANES 5340 | 3 | ANES 5332 | 3 |
| ANES 5420 | 3 | ANES 5352 | 3 |
| ANES 5430 | 4 | ANES 5711 | 3 |
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| Total Semester Hours | 16 | Total Semester Hours | 16 |
| Semester 3 | Credit Hours | Semester 4 | Credit Hours |
| ANES 5354 | 3 | ANES 5315 | 3 |
| ANES 5334 | 3 | ANES 5360 | 3 |
| ANES 5716 | 3 | ANES 5721 | 5 |
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| Total Semester Hours | 9 | Total Semester Hours | 11 |
| Semester 5 | Credit Hours | Semester 6 | Credit Hours |
| ANES 5460 | 4 | NURS 5340 | 3 |
| ANES 5726 | 5 | ANES 5731 | 5 |
| | | ANES 5110 | 1 |
| Total Semester Hours | 9 | Total Semester Hours | 9 |
| Semester 7 | Credit Hours | | |
| ANES 5417 | 4 | | |
| ANES 5736 | 5 | | |
| Total Semester Hours | 9 | | |