APPLYING TO THE NURSE ANESTHESIA (CRNA) PROGRAM

The OHSU Nurse Anesthesia (CRNA) program prepares Registered Nurses to become Advanced Nurse Practitioners in the field of anesthesia where they administer general and regional anesthesia to surgical and obstetric patients. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist's (CRNA's) provide anesthesia to patients in every practice setting and for every type of surgery or procedure. The Nurse Anesthesia program recognizes the growing community health needs within Oregon, the Northwest, and across the United States. The program at Oregon Health & Science University strives to maintain high standards in educating qualified Registered Nurses at the graduate level in the domain of nurse anesthesia. The program endeavors to provide the Student Registered Nurse Anesthetist (SRNA) with a solid foundation of scientific knowledge, clinical skills, and accountability, with a progressive understanding of the components of clinical judgment.

Degree Option: The first DNP cohort will matriculate in summer 2019 and the MN option will no longer be available. The DNP will be a 36 month program and will begin in the summer quarter. The program will only be offered on the Portland campus.

Admission Factors:

Admissions decisions are strongly based on the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA & Science GPA of 3.0 or higher
- 3 Letters of recommendation
- Work history: a minimum of 1 year of ICU experience
- Essay responses
- Interview (for select applicants)
- TOEFL with a score of 83 or higher (for international students), ILTS scores will not be accepted

Admission Requirements & Eligibility

Applicants must have the following materials in order to apply.

Prior Degree

Applicants must have a Bachelors of Science with a major in nursing or BSN from a program accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission or the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education.

R.N. Status

- Must be eligible for a registered nurse license in Oregon, Washington, or Idaho upon application.
- Must be licensed in the state of Oregon prior to matriculation.

Work Experience & Resume

Applicants must have completed at least one year of adult or pediatric critical care ICU experience prior to program matriculation. Submitting a resume or curriculum vitae is required with your application.

Grade Point Average

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (all college level courses ever taken)
- Minimum science GPA of a 3.0 (i.e. as anatomy, biology, biochemistry, chemistry, physics, physiology, etc.)

Statistics

Applicants must have successfully passed a basic statistics course from a regionally accredited school with a grade of "B-" or better within five years prior to entering the program.

Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must submit three letters of reference. The Admissions Committee prefers applicants to submit references from sources who can comment on clinical skills, knowledge, ethics, teamwork, and other strengths related to nurse anesthesia (eg. typically a supervisor, an instructor or academic source, and/or a co-worker).

HOW TO APPLY TO THE NURSE ANESTHESIA PROGRAM:

Step 1: Review and follow the specific applications instructions for your program located on the OHSU School of Nursing website found at www.ohsu.edu/son in the tab "Admissions & Prospective Students", then select "Applying". This page offers a complete check list of instructions, helpful links, and additional forms to upload to your application. Please review the page thoroughly.

Step 2: The OHSU School of Nursing uses an independent organization that processes applications for OHSU called the Nursing Centralized Application Service for Nursing CAS. Set up a Nursing CAS account and start your application for the program to which you are applying. All students applying to any of the OHSU Nursing programs must submit an application through Nursing CAS by the stipulated deadline date in order to be considered for admissions.

Step 3: Upload and add all required items into your Nursing CAS account. All required application materials are as follows:

- ✓ **Official transcripts** (transcripts must be mailed directly from ALL colleges ever attended). Please do this as soon as possible once the application opens. We are unable to review applications missing transcripts. *Mail transcripts to*: NursingCAS. P.O. Box 9201, Watertown, MA 02471 ***OHSU will not accept applicant transcripts- in order for your application to be complete and considered for admissions they must be received by Nursing CAS.**
- ✓ **Manually enter every college course** into your NursingCAS account.
- ✓ **3 Letters of Recommendation** submitted via NursingCAS.
- ✓ **Resume or Curriculum Vitae** – upload in document upload section.
- ✓ **Essay response** - essay prompts available in the Nursing CAS application.

✓ **5-year time limit Statistics waiver form** - (if applicable) upload to NursingCAS in document upload section.

Step 4: Once the above steps have been completed in your NursingCAS application, you must submit your application via NursingCAS in order to have your application reviewed by OHSU. At this point, you must be in contact with the NursingCAS office to confirm that they have received all of your official transcripts.

<u>**Nursing CAS Support**</u>: 617-612-2880, Mon. – Thurs. 9am -7pm EST, Friday 9am – 5pm EST. Applications will not be reviewed or considered without all official transcripts on file through the NursingCAS system.

Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination Policy

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 protects individuals from discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational program or activity operated by recipients of federal aid. OHSU complies with Title IX and 34 CFR Part 106 by prohibiting sex and gender discrimination in education programs, activities, employment, and admissions. Inquiries about Title IX compliance or sex/gender discrimination may be directed to the OHSU Title IX Coordinator: Laura Stadum, Title IX Coordinator, 503-494-0258, titleix@ohsu.edu