Harris College
of Nursing & Health Sciences

School of Nurse Anesthesia

AA-C Bridge to DNAP Admission Requirements

The TCU School of Nurse Anesthesia program participates in the Nursing Centralized Application Services (NursingCas). An application fee will be collected by NursingCas.

Applicants meeting the following criteria will be considered for admission:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN or associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)
- Unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse
- Master's degree from and accredited school or college in the U.S.
- Current certification as an Anesthesiology Assistant (AA-C)
- Minimum of five years' experience as an AA-C
    - Evidence of experience as an AA-C caring for critically ill patients through the following:
        - CV or resume
        - Personal essay demonstrating the development of critical decision-making, psychomotor skills, patient assessment and proficiency in advanced monitoring techniques, aligning with COA's critical care experience criteria
        - Verification of five years of varied complex case experience by a departmental chief CRNA or supervising anesthesiologist
        - Submission of case logs from all practice sites since graduation, detailing case types and anesthesia methods used
    - *OR* a minimum of one-year current critical care experience as an RN
    - Certification in BLS and ACLS
    - Three professional recommendations

All documents, transcripts, test results and references will be submitted to and verified by NursingCas.

The form provided is a part of the AA-C Bridge to DNAP application. It's used by applicants to confirm five years of experience in diverse anesthesia cases. Each facility requires a separate form, which should be uploaded as one PDF in the "Program Requested Materials" section of NursingCas if you're using multiple forms.

AA-C Work History Verification Form
Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. All applications and required materials including letters of recommendation and the application fee, must be received by January 1. Candidates will be notified of admission status by April 15.