Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences
School of Nurse Anesthesia

DNAP Admission Requirements

The TCU School of Nurse Anesthesia program participates in the Nursing Centralized Application Services (NursingCAS). NursingCAS will collect an application fee.

Applicants meeting the following criteria will be considered for admission:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, or an appropriate bachelor's degree from a regionally/institutionally accredited university or college in the United States
- Unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse
- Prerequisite science courses for application to the DNAP program:
    1. Anatomy and Physiology I (*or its equivalent*)
    2. Anatomy and Physiology II (*or its equivalent*)
    3. Microbiology
    4. Chemistry, Biochemistry, or Organic Chemistry (at least one course in Chemistry is required for admission)
- Criteria for prerequisites
    - These science courses are within most undergraduate bachelor's degrees. If any of these courses have not been taken or included as part of an applicant's undergraduate degree, the course(s) must be taken prior to consideration for admission.
    - Prerequisite courses **must** be completed at a US university or college that holds institutional accreditation from one of the seven primary regional accrediting organizations recognized in the US.
        1. Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC)
        2. Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
        3. Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE)
        4. New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)
        5. Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
        6. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
        7. WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)
    - Programs and courses must be directly accredited by one of these primary institutional accreditors to fulfill prerequisite requirements—even if they are affiliated with, partnered with, or offer credit through an accredited institution.
    - For example, the following programs **do not** satisfy our prerequisite requirements:
        1. Portage Learning **(through Geneva College)**
        2. University of California San Diego Extended Studies Program
        3. Sophia Learning

    - Always verify accreditation directly with the institution offering the course, as many extension, online-only, or third-party programs do not meet this standard despite any partnerships or credit recommendations.
- Applicants must request GRE scores from the test center to be sent to NursingCAS directly using score report code 4373.
    - Scores must be received by NursingCAS by the program application deadline of May 15.
- Certification in BLS and ACLS
- CCRN exam score sheet
- CCRN certificate or letter of certification from the AACN
- CV / Resume
- Three professional recommendations (one must be from a current supervisor)
- Kira Talent Assessments
    - Applicants will answer a series of prerecorded questions in online videos.
    - Applicants will write a response to one short essay prompt.
    - Responses will be independently evaluated by multiple reviewers who will assess an applicant's strengths using competency-based criteria and structured rubrics.
    - These assessments provide a sense of our culture and values, as well as what we're looking for in our top candidates.
    - More information is available in the NursingCAS application.

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

The documents below are part of the TCU DNAP graduate application. These two forms are linked on our website and must be uploaded to NursingCAS upon completion.

- **Shadow Verification Form**
- **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 May 15 for the class beginning the following January. Candidates will be notified of admission status by August 31.