APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application deadline is Feb. 1 for the following spring semester. Application materials postmarked after the application deadline will not be considered. Late application items will not be accepted.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Admissions office prior to the deadline to be sure all documents have been received. While the Admissions Committee realizes the applicant cannot submit all application materials themselves, it is the applicant’s responsibility to verify their application is complete and allow time for missing items to be submitted.

The Admissions Committee will invite top applicants to the Clarkson College campus for an interview. Individual interviews for the spring 2020 class will be held March 19–22, 2019. If you are selected for an interview, it is required that you are on campus one of these dates. Admission to this program is competitive. Meeting all application criteria does not guarantee an interview or admission.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

To be considered for admission, the following criteria must be met:

- Provide proof of an unencumbered license as a registered professional nurse and/or and APRN in the United States, its territories or protectorates.
- Possess a Bachelor’s degree with a major in nursing from an accredited program.
- Attain a cumulative undergraduate grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale from all colleges/universities attended.
- Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the following prerequisite coursework:
  - Anatomy
  - Microbiology
  - Physical Assessment
  - College Mathematics
  - Pathophysiology
  - Physiology
  - Pharmacology
  - Chemistry
- Complete at least one year of recent full-time critical care nursing experience (post-ADN or post-BSN) as an RN prior to application to the program. Acceptable critical care nursing experience as an RN post-degree includes, but is not limited to:
  - Cardiac Care Unit (CCU)
  - Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
  - Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
  - Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)
  - Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU)
  - Surgical Intensive Care Unit (SICU)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete the Clarkson College application at ClarksonCollege.edu by selecting “Apply Now.”

Submit the following items to the Clarkson College Admissions:

- $35 non-refundable application fee made payable to Clarkson College
- Completed Assessment of Critical Care Skills form
- Completed Core Performance Standards form
- Completed essay
- Current curriculum vitae
- Photocopies of RN licenses and other related certifications
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores, if applicable
- References using the following forms:
  - Nursing Unit Director/Manager Recommendation form
  - Critical Care Coordinator/Shift Supervisor Recommendation form

Submit official transcripts. Official transcripts must be submitted directly from all institutions attended. Please have the following items sent directly to the Clarkson College Admissions office:

- One official transcript from each college/university attended
- Official transcript verification of classes in which you are currently enrolled
After Acceptance

Prerequisites for the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia includes on credit hour of GR 798 Essentials of Scholarly Writing and three credit hours of graduate-level statistics prior to enrolling in the program. The statistics course must be the equivalent of GR 847 Applied Statistics offered at Clarkson College. A statistics course taken as part of an undergraduate program or at the undergraduate level will not satisfy this requirement. A statistics course taken with a dual-level designation will only be considered if there is transcript evidence that the course was taken at the graduate level. The student does not need to complete these courses prior to the application deadline.

Provide proof of current certifications in American Heart Association BLS, ACLS and PALS.

Applicants must have mastered a level of computer competency in preparation for successful navigation of the DNP program.

Laptop Hardware Requirements, System Formats & Minimum Specifications

The Nurse Anesthesia program requires all students have a laptop device. The Clarkson College IT department does not support or repair personal computers. The following laptop models are recommended:

- Apple Macbook, Macbook Pro or Macbook Air
- Microsoft Surface Book, Surface Laptop or Surface Pro with a keyboard (Windows 10S not supported at this time. Select Windows 10 Home or Pro)

If you purchase or own a laptop different from the models listed above, be sure your device meets the following minimum specification requirements:

- Operating system: Current/mainstream version of Windows 10 Home, Windows 10 Pro or Mac OS X (Windows 10S is not supported)
- RAM: 4 GB minimum, 8+ GB preferred
- Solid State Drive (SSD) 128 GB or higher (hard drives are acceptable but are not recommended)
- Peripherals: Webcam and microphone
- Wireless: Dual Band (2.4 GHz and 5 GHz) with 802.11n or 802.11ac
- CPU: Intel Core i3.i5.i7 or AMD A10 or better

Student must have ready access to a scanner, fax and printer.

After a student signs into OneLogin, s/he has access to five free downloads of Office 365, including Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Outlook. The free software is available to all current Clarkson College students.

Accreditation

The Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) requires that all students matriculating into a nurse anesthesia educational program on Jan. 1, 2022 or thereafter be enrolled in a program approved by the COA to award a practice doctoral degree. The program submitted its application to award the DNP degree to the COA for approval in July 2018 for consideration at the Council’s fall 2018 meeting. Pending approval by the COA, the program will enroll its first doctoral cohort of students in January 2020. Further information regarding this transition may be obtained by emailing admissions@clarksoncollege.edu.

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