

**Doctor of Nursing Practice Nurse Anesthesia - Admission Requirements**

1. Graduation from an accredited baccalaureate nursing program.
2. An overall academic record with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of "B" (3.0) or better.
3. All applicants must have understanding of basic computer skills and completion of an undergraduate statistics course.
4. Competitive GRE scores on Verbal Reasoning, Quantitative Reasoning, and Analytical Writing are required.
5. Minimum of three recommendations including one from faculty of the candidate's baccalaureate nursing program or immediate supervisor in a critical care setting and one from another professional in a related healthcare field (examples may include: Clinical Nurse Specialist, RN, CRNA, Anesthesiologist, Surgeon, or Intensivist).
6. The applicant must complete an undergraduate basic chemistry course and an organic chemistry course, at least one of which has a laboratory component.
7. A statement of professional goals.
8. An unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Tennessee is required for enrollment; clinical practicum will require licensure in additional states including Kentucky, Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia, and any other states where students might obtain clinical experience.
9. A minimum of one-year experience as a Registered Nurse in critical care at a Level I or Level II trauma center; adult critical care experience preferred.
10. The Nurse Anesthesia concentration is a full-time program. Students may only request full-time status.
11. Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and Pediatric Life Support must be current through December of the year in which the application is submitted.
12. Medical profile including immunizations record and urine drug screen completed no more than 60 days prior to enrollment in the Nurse Anesthesia concentration.
13. A criminal background check and drug screen will be completed prior to enrollment no more than 60 days prior to enrollment in the Nurse Anesthesia concentration.
14. Proof of health insurance at all times when enrolled in the program.
15. International students must demonstrate sufficient ability to read, write and speak English with a minimum score of 550 on the TOEFL.
16. International students must submit official transcripts for evaluation to one of the following services: World Education Services ([www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)) or Josef Silny & Associates ([www.jsilny.com](http://www.jsilny.com)).
17. Critical care registered nurse certification (CCRN) preferred.

Students dismissed from a nurse anesthesia or other advanced practice nurse program for academic, clinical, or behavioral reasons will not be admitted to LMU-CSON Nurse Anesthesia concentration. Students who have been enrolled in another program and withdrew in good standing or are still enrolled in good standing must have a letter from the program director stating that they are or withdrew when they were in good standing. Students who are in good standing or who left a program in good standing will be considered for admission.