

## WVU School of Nursing DNP Nurse Anesthetist Program FAQ

**Q: Would a nurse anesthesia student be able to continue working through any part of the program?**

*A: The decision to work during any program of study cannot be restricted, but it is up to the student to decide if the balance between the academic load and employment will lead to ultimate academic success.*

**Q: How many students will be admitted to each cohort?**

*A: A maximum of 15 students will be admitted per cohort per year.*

**Q: There are some Nurse Anesthesia programs that emphasize Adult ICU experience and disregard Pediatric ICU experience. Will Pediatric ICU experience count?**

*A: Yes. Pediatric ICU experience will count as experience towards admission.*

**Q: Is Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification required by the admit date to be considered for the program?**

*A: No. It is reasonable that if a candidate does not have a need for a certification in current employment that, as long as the certification is obtained prior to enrollment in the nurse anesthetist program, he or she should still be considered.*

**Q: Is a team or one-on-one approach used for the DNP project?**

*A: The West Virginia University School of Nursing currently has a DNP Committee structure comprised of a Faculty of Record, a student, and a consultant or content expert. Students are provided with a DNP Project Manual to guide them through the process.*

**Q: Will a commercial program, such as ATI, be used for board preparation?**

*A: WVU School of Nursing DNP Nurse Anesthetist Program students will be able to purchase APEX anesthesia review to use during the program and for National Certification Exam review.*

**Q: What counts as critical care experience?**

*A: A registered nurse with critical care experience works in an ICU environment develops and applies critical thinking and decision making, develops and applies psychomotor and assessment skills, and uses and interprets advanced monitoring techniques. In the ICU environment, the nurse manages invasive hemodynamic monitors, cardiac assist devices, mechanical ventilation, and vasoactive infusions.*