

# Frequently Asked Questions about the MSN Nurse Anesthesia Program Application Process



## GENERAL

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### **Where do I obtain information or download application paperwork?**

All paperwork will be available on our website at [www.nursing.msu.edu](http://www.nursing.msu.edu) once the application becomes available. Applications will be available in February of 2010.

### **How often do you admit a class of students?**

Our Program admits once a year in our Spring Semester (January). Applications become available a year in advance. The next admission cycle will be for **Spring Semester 2011**.

**Can coursework for the Nurse Anesthesia concentration be completed online?** All MSN core courses are available in an online format, but the Nurse Anesthesia concentration requires significant campus time and clinical hours. Please see the FAQ page in the MS in Nursing section of the website.

**Do I need a Bachelor's in Nursing to apply?** Yes, all students applying for the MSN program must have a Bachelors degree in Nursing to be eligible for admission.

**Do you have off-campus sites around Michigan?** No, coursework is either completed online or on-campus in East Lansing. Clinicals are completed in assigned hospitals.

**How much does the program cost?** Tuition costs are subject to change. For the most current information go to [www.ctr.msu.edu](http://www.ctr.msu.edu).

**Is the GRE required?** Yes, the GRE is a requirement for admission. GRE must be taken within the last five years. All scores must be submitted to the College prior to the deadline for the application to be considered complete. Students should plan to take the GRE several weeks in advance of the deadline to ensure scores are reported on time.

**When applying to MSU, what major code do I use?** Students applying to the MSN Nurse Anesthesia concentration use **4024**.

**If your program is full can I take any classes while I wait for next year?** All classes are restricted to students admitted to the program.

**What if I have a course from another program that I would like to transfer?** Up to 9 credits of your MSN program may be transferred from other universities. If admitted, a student would submit the syllabus for each prior course for evaluation. If the course is accepted, your education plan will be adjusted to reflect the change.

**How competitive is admission into the program?** Admission is very competitive. Typically there are several applicants per available seat. Below is the profile for the cohort admitted into the nurse anesthesia program in January 2009:

**Average GPA:** 3.64

**Average years of critical care experience:** 5 years, 4 months

**Average GRE scores:** Verbal—514 Quantitative—631 Analytical—4.5

## APPLICATION

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**Do I need to submit all documents at once?** Yes. The application packet will have specific instructions about turning in your application. All documents must be submitted in order for a student to be eligible to interview.

**When is the deadline?** **May 21, 2010.** No applications for the Nurse Anesthesia concentration will be accepted after this point. **Interviews are by invitation only and will be scheduled at a later date.**

**What transcripts do I need to submit?** Please submit transcripts from any institution that granted a degree (nursing or non-nursing) or any institution at which you took prerequisite courses that transferred for a degree. Only the College of Nursing will need a set of transcripts.

**How do I know if I've been admitted?** The College will contact those students who, after submitting a complete application, are selected for an interview. After the interview process is complete and applicants are reviewed by the admissions committee, a final decision letter will be sent. Students denied admission at any point during the admission process are sent letters via postal mail.

## STATISTICS

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**How do I determine if my course meets the 5 year deadline?** For January 2011 admission, the statistics course must have been taken no earlier than Spring Semester 2006.

**What if I took my course more than 5 years ago?** You must complete a statistics course, with a minimum grade of 3.0, at an accredited college or university within 5 years of starting the program. If your course exceeds this time limit, you must take a new course. For January 2011 admission, all pending statistics courses must be completed by the end of Summer Semester 2010.

**Can I take any course to fulfill this requirement?** No, the course needs to be approved by the College of Nursing. The list of pre-approved classes is available on the CON website. Other courses may be evaluated with submission of a syllabus to a graduate advisor.

**Must this requirement be completed before applying?** No, but you will be admitted provisionally until the requirement is met. Final deadline for completion of a statistics course for January 2011 admission is the end of Summer Semester 2010.

***Please note that students admitted provisionally are not eligible for financial aid (government grants, loans) until the provision is lifted. It is recommended that students complete all requirements before applying to the program.***