Are you looking for a nurse anesthesia program that combines faculty mentorship, extensive clinical practice and critical courses for role preparation? Find out more about Villanova University College of Nursing’s joint program with Crozer-Chester Medical Center offering master’s (traditional and non-traditional) and post-master’s options for nurse anesthesia.

Villanova University is an institution rich in history and tradition. For over 150 years Villanova has been directed by one of the oldest teaching orders of the Catholic Church, the Order of St. Augustine. The College of Nursing MSN program was initiated in 1980 with a five-year federal grant to prepare students for leadership roles in nursing. Our program has grown dramatically over the years in response to trends in health care and changing health care needs in society. From our early beginnings as a program to prepare nurse educators and administrators, the Graduate Nursing Program has expanded to prepare advanced practice nurses, as well as educators and administrators. Our reputation for quality is reflected in the graduates of our program and the roles they assume. With your Villanova degree, you will create a future with endless possibilities.

Our personal touch and partnership approach bring your education, advising and career networking to a new level.

Online courses and a flexible curriculum mean convenience for your busy life.

You gain the knowledge and skills essential to independent or collaborative practice in anesthesia settings.

Clinical lab practice sessions utilize state-of-the-art patient simulators.

You work with anesthesia professionals in a variety of acclaimed affiliated agencies.

Our graduates are respected for their expertise and are employed in anesthesia settings across the country.

Villanova University College of Nursing is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and is a National League for Nursing Center of Excellence in Nursing Education.

Our Graduate Nursing Program is ranked among the top programs in the country by U.S. News & World Report.

The Nurse Anesthesia program is fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.

This is a highly competitive program that draws students nationally.

Graduate performance on the national certification examination far exceeds the national norm.
As a post-master’s student I researched many programs. Only Villanova offered the curriculum that fit my needs. I also sought a nationally recognized program. Villanova’s reputation as a ‘powerhouse’ program is surpassed by none.

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NURSE ANESTHESIA CURRICULUM

Traditional
You take all the anesthesia courses along with the nursing core courses during each of the seven semesters.

Non-traditional
Once you have been accepted into the nurse anesthesia program, you may take up to 12 credits of nursing core courses the year prior to taking anesthesia courses.

Post-master’s
Those who already hold an MSN earn a certificate after completing the required courses.

More about the curriculum
• This is a 49-credit, 27-month program.
• Your first semester is mostly didactic content to prepare you for the clinical experience that follows in subsequent semesters.
• Your clinical rotations are at a variety of affiliated sites.
• You progress from simple to complex cases, supervised by a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) or anesthesiologist.
• Your student to faculty ratio never exceeds 2:1.
• You complete 1600-2000 hours of clinical experience and at least 600 cases.
• You are placed “on call” during spring of your first year for emergency surgery experience.
• You have other specialty rotations including pediatric, obstetrical anesthesia and cardiac surgery.

FIND OUT MORE
For more information on the master’s (traditional and non-traditional) and post-master’s preparation for nurse anesthesia, including curriculum, affiliated sites, and application details, visit: www.villanova.edu/nursing/programs/graduate.

Be sure to read the prerequisite and FAQ sections of our site. Questions? Email nursing.graduate@villanova.edu or call 610.519.4934.

CLINICAL CONVENIENCE
Maximize the advantage of a flexible program with clinical sites close to home, such as:

Philadelphia Area
• Abington Hospital
• Albert Einstein Medical Center
• Crozer-Chester Medical Center (includes its Springfield and Taylor campuses)
• Surgery Center of PA
• Mercy Suburban General Hospital
• St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children
• Phoenixville Hospital

Central Pennsylvania Area
• Lancaster General Hospital (and its campuses)
• Lehigh Valley Hospital (and its campuses)
• Hershey Medical Center
• St. Joseph’s Medical Center

Delaware
• Bay Health Medical Center, Kent General Campus
• A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children
• Saint Francis Hospital

New Jersey
• Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center
• South Jersey Hospital Regional Medical Center