Nurse Anesthesia Program FAQs

1. FPB and CCF are separately accredited, University-affiliated programs that coordinate a combined application process through the School. Candidates are considered for both programs and may be selected to participate at one of the three primary clinical sites (CCF, SUMMA, UH) upon acceptance.
   a. Those interested in the DNP, may also apply for that program. Separate application required.

2. The new application deadline is June 1 for program entry the following year and is available online. Candidates must have completed and submitted the following by the deadline:
   a. Application and statement answers
   b. Credentials, Transcripts
   c. Names of References

3. Candidates must be physically present for their academic interview. Those eligible to interview typically meet the following criteria:
   a. Possession of Bachelor’s degree or MSN/MN, and an active RN license
   b. One to two (1-2) years of critical care experience in any ICU with CCRN or advanced certification
   c. GPA
      i. Nursing Courses ~ 3.0; Science ~ 3.0
   d. Graduate Testing
      i. GRE/MAT not required for application; but scores may be requested for admissions decision.
   e. References
      i. Should include reference from Nurse Manager or direct Supervisor
   f. Shadowing experience ~ approx. 8 hours

4. The program length is 30 months and includes mandatory sections of Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, and Physical assessment for Advance Practice Nursing as set forth by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA). The program format is integrated.
   a. Accepted Students are not required to complete any coursework as a prerequisite for entry.
   b. Transfer credit may be given for courses already taken with approval up to nine (9) credit hours.
   c. Transfer credit will not be given for any Nurse Anesthesia course or Advanced Pathophysiology.

5. The program will begin in the Summer semester and end in the fall of the 30 month duration.
   a. Students will be able to participate in School or University graduation activities, which occur in December (Pinning) and May (Commencement) respectively.
   b. Diplomas will be conferred in mid-January.

6. Financial aid provided for tuition, books, and other living expenses will not replace previous income/standard of living. While a program scholarship is extended to those admitted, no additional stipend is provided by either program at this time.

7. Upon admittance and before the start of classes, Students must have:
   a. Valid Ohio Nursing License and certifications(BLS/ACLS/PALS)
   b. Background Check less than 180 days old
   c. Completed any Statistics course required

8. Students from other nurse anesthesia programs may apply and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Any previous program experience must be divulged. An interview prior to application is necessary. Any offer of admittance must be approved by the Nurse Anesthesia Program Director, the MSN Program Director, and the School’s Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.