School of Nursing

Master of Science in Nursing

Advanced Practice Nursing

Nurse Anesthesia

The purposes of the master’s degree in nursing are to prepare advanced practice nurses …

- To provide advanced nursing care specific to the health needs of adults, families, or individuals across the lifespan
- To advance and extend nursing knowledge and skill through systematic investigation and experimentation
- To acquire a foundation for doctoral study

The Nurse Anesthetist is an advanced practice nurse who provides nursing care specific to anesthetic requirements across the lifespan in a variety of practice settings. The curriculum prepares the student to write the AANA certification exam.

The Trover Health System/Murray State University Program of Anesthesia offers a graduate degree in nurse anesthesia as a collaborative effort between Trover Health System and Murray State University. The program is dedicated to graduating nurse anesthetists of the highest professional competence residing in a rural area who are committed to rural areas to practice. Regional Medical Center, Madisonville, KY and St. Claire Regional Medical Center, Morehead, Ky., serve as primary clinical sites.

Admission Procedure

- All applicants must submit the MSU application for graduate admission, and request official transcripts be sent from each and all previous colleges attended to:  
  Graduate Admission and Registrar’s Office  
  Murray State University  
  B2 Sparks Hall  
  Murray, KY 42071-3312  
  There is an application fee that must accompany the MSU application.

- All applicants must submit the School of Nursing’s application for admission to Graduate Coordinator, Division of Graduate Nursing  
  Murray State University  
  120 Mason Hall  
  Murray, KY 42071-3302  
  Selected applicants will be notified of a required formal interview with the Graduate Selection Committee.

**All materials (including recommendations) must be received by November 1.** Applications submitted after the appropriate date will be considered on a space-available basis.

- Each student will be admitted without regard to race, creed, ethnic origin, age, gender, disability, or marital status.
- To check the status of applications, contact: Dr. Dina Byers at dina.byers@murraystate.edu

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Admission Requirements

- Admission to Murray State and the School of Nursing.
- Baccalaureate degree in nursing from an NLNAC or CCNE accredited school or the equivalent.
- Meet all prerequisites
- Kentucky licensure and/or licensure to practice as a registered nurse in the state of anticipated preceptorship.
- Proof of liability insurance for advanced practice nursing, current immunizations, hepatitis vaccine or signed waiver, and TB testing are required before enrollment in clinical nursing courses. Please send copies of these to the Graduate Coordinator, School of Nursing.
- GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- For international applicants: RN licensure in Kentucky and/or licensure to practice as a registered nurse in the state of anticipated preceptorship, TOEFL score 550.
- Three favorable recommendations on forms downloaded from the website. **Recommendations must be mailed from the reference directly to the Graduate Coordinator and not via the applicant.** Recommendations may determine invitation for interview.
- Successful interview.
- Current BLS certification; current BLS, ACLS, and PALS certification
- One year RN experience in intensive care prior to application deadline required

- Students who request admission to Murray State University’s Master of Science in Nursing Program must be in good standing at previously and/or current enrolled programs.
- The Graduate committee will review all completed application packages and offer interviews to the most qualified applicants.