

FAQs 2024

When will decisions be made regarding acceptance to the Doctor of Nursing Practice Nurse Anesthesia (DNP NA) Program?

All final decisions will be made once the interview process is complete (usually by the end of Summer). Decisions are either accept, decline, or waitlist. The waitlist is left open until the beginning of the class (May). Waitlist applicants are encouraged to re-apply for the next class.

What format is this program offered?

This is a hybrid program; students complete some classes on-campus and other synchronous classes online.

Can I work during the program?

During the first year of the Nurse Anesthesia Program (NAP), it is recommended that the student commit their full attention and energy to their didactic responsibilities and minimize outside employment commitments. Permission must be obtained by the Program Director to be employed as an RN during the second and/or third year of the nurse anesthesia program.

When will I select my DNP Project topic?

You may have identified DNP Project areas of interest to you when you interviewed for the program. Continuing to read and consider gaps in your critical care practice, reading about areas of healthcare policy and business, and evidence-based practice will provide an initial understanding of the current healthcare environment. You will develop several PICO questions during your first semester to begin appraising the evidence. In your second semester, you will “land” your project problem, purpose and questions.

When are decisions made about primary clinical sites?

All final decisions will be made in the fall semester (Semester 2 Year 1). The clinical portion of the program begins in September (Semester 5 Year 2) with an orientation to the clinical site in August or September. All students will also gain experience at a rotation site.

Clinical sites: Primary & Rotation Sites*

BCH	Boston Children’s Hospital
BCW	Boston Children’s Waltham
BIDMC	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
BIDHN	Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital Needham
BMC	Baystate Medical Center
BWF	Brigham & Women’s Faulkner
BWH	Brigham & Women’s Hospital
CH	Carney Hospital

CMC	Catholic Medical Center
CMH	Charlton Memorial Hospital
SASC	Southcoast Ambulatory Surgical Center
DHMC	Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center
ELH	Elliot Hospital
ELRE	Elliot at River's Edge
EMH	Emerson Hospital
EXH	Exeter Hospital
GSMC	Good Samaritan Medical Center
LGH	Lawrence General Hospital
MEEI	Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary
MGBS	Massachusetts General Brigham Salem Hospital
MGH	Massachusetts General Hospital
MGHD	Massachusetts General Hospital Danvers
MMH	Memorial Hospital Maine Health
NLH	New London Hospital
RIH	Rhode Island Hospital/Hasbro Children's Hospital
SEMC	St. Elizabeth's Medical Center
SLH	St. Luke's Hospital
SSH	South Shore Hospital
STV	St. Vincent's Hospital
TMC	Tuft's Medical Center
UMH	UMass Memorial Hahnemann Family Health Center
UMM	UMass Memorial Medical Center Memorial Campus
UMU	UMass Memorial Medical Center University Campus
WDH	Wentworth-Douglass Hospital

*Subject to change

How do the rotations work?

It depends on what your primary clinical site is. For example, if you are in a large academic hospital, you would have a rotation to a community hospital. There are other factors as well, but it is based on your primary site and COA case and experience requirements.

Do I need a car?

Yes, you will need access to a car as some clinical sites are not near public transportation.

Transfer Credit

A maximum of 9 semester/12 quarter hours of credit obtained at another institution may be accepted towards the degree, provided the credits consist of work taken at the graduate level for graduate credit, carry grades of 3.000 or better, have been earned at an accredited institution, and have not been used toward any other degree. These courses must have been taken within 5 years prior to the transfer and cannot be taken in the last semester prior to graduation. DNP Courses, Nurse Anesthesia Didactic and Clinical Courses are not transferable classes. Prior approval is required for Core Nursing Courses.

How many students are in a cohort?

Up to 30 students.

Do you recommend a certain area to live?

Somewhere with reasonable access to campus for the first year. If possible, try not to sign more than a 1-year lease due to clinical site placement. Public transportation is available to Northeastern Campus. The campus is in Boston and the distance in miles to campus may (will) not reflect the commute time.

Do you think the income from working for the first year will cover my living expenses?

This depends on individual circumstances and prior savings. Many do work in the first year, but most students borrow money for their cost of living.

Do I need health insurance?

Yes, it is required per Massachusetts law, Northeastern offers a student health insurance plan for each year. To be eligible, you must be registered and attend at least 1 on-ground course per semester on the Boston campus. There is an option to waive the NU Health Insurance if you have comparable coverage that meets the Student Health Program requirements. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts also offers rate adjusted health insurance options based on need and income.

Is health insurance available for dependents?

Yes, dependents can be added onto your university healthcare plan for an increased premium, so investigating your options ahead of time might be helpful.

What immunizations are needed for NU and Clinical? Clinical sites each have their own onboarding requirements that can and do differ from NU's requirements.

- MMR
- Varicella titer
- Hep B vaccine
- PPD or Quantiferon Gold TB test
- TDAP
- Flu
- COVID vaccines

When should I apply for my MA nursing license?

As soon as you find out your primary clinical site. The BON can take weeks to months to be approved. Depending on your clinical placement and rotation schedule additional RN license(s) may also be necessary: New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont.

Do I need to keep my ACLS & PALS current?

Yes, all must be up to date when starting clinical and throughout the program. Some clinical sites also require current BLS.

What is the passing grade?

83% for all courses. For clinical courses 83% didactic criteria & satisfactory clinical performance is required.

What is the cost of the program?

- Please view the [View the 2023-2024 Tuition and Fees](#) at
 - Click on Graduate Programs to view "Bouve College of Health Sciences" tuition rate and see "Fees"
 - Please review the "Others" tabs that include University Fees, parking, and health insurance

What are the additional costs of the program?

This is a guide was created in May 2024, to help students plan accordingly for the following additional program expenses (subject to change) and the additional costs and beyond are not set by NU, but necessary for the Nurse Anesthesia program.

Semester	DNP NA Program Expenses	Cost
1	AANA Membership (one time as a student)	\$200
	Laptop	Varies
3	Apex Anesthesia Review	\$500
	Castle Branch Background Check	\$52.50
	Castle Branch Document Manager	\$45
	Vargo Anesthesia App (optional)	\$106
	Visible Body Courseware (optional)	\$69
4	DNP Scholarly Project (instrument use, editing, etc.)	Varies
	Prodigy (optional)	\$315 2 years \$500 4 years
5	DNP Scholarly Project Poster	\$100
6-9	Clinical Rotations i.e. car rental, gas, lodging, meals	Varies
7	NBCRNA Self-Evaluation Examination (SEE)	\$265
9	NBCRNA National Certification Examination (NCE)	\$1,045
	NBCRNA Self-Evaluation Examination (SEE)	\$265
	Additional exams may be required to meet benchmark	
Course Resources	Books as required by each course if not available as e-book from NU Snell Library	Varies
	Nagelhout Textbook	\$120
One-time	Professional meeting at least once during program	\$2,500

Optional	Anesthesia Review Course (e.g., Valley Webinar price)	\$785
	Global Immersion (if interested)	\$3,000
Parking	Parking on Campus	<i>Varies</i>
	Parking off Campus & transportation info https://offcampus.sites.northeastern.edu/parking-transportation/	<i>Varies</i>
	Parking at Clinical Sites (free to \$50 daily)	<i>Varies</i>
Licensure	MA RN by Reciprocity (application fee \$275 & verification fee \$30)	\$305
	MA RN Renewal	\$120
	RN Licenses as needed for clinical rotation: New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont Check with each State's Board of Nursing (BON) for requirements and fee information	<i>Varies</i>
Certification	ACLS, PALS, BLS (AHA) renewals	<i>Varies</i>
	Initial ACLS (AHA)	\$150
	Initial PALS (AHA)	\$150
	Initial BLS (AHA) (required by some sites)	\$150
Required	Drug Testing (required by some sites)	\$76
	Required Immunizations	<i>Varies</i>

What if financial aid does not cover my living expenses?

You can appeal the cost of living to financial aid by supplying documents (i.e. rent/mortgage, utilities) to your financial aid advisor.

Holiday Schedule

The students will observe Northeastern University's Holiday schedule, meaning the students will not be in class or clinical on the following NU observed holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- President's Day
- Patriots' Day
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Indigenous People Day
- Veterans' Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

The students follow Northeastern University [academic calendar](#) (graduate) for the first 4 semesters (16 months). Once students begin the clinical portion of the program, they will follow the NAP clinical calendar (see below) and in addition students will be given a total of 12 allowable days to be used for:

- Personal
- Sick
- Re-certifications
- Study Days

NAP Clinical Calendar

Semester 5, Year 2 (Fall)

Thanksgiving (Thursday - Sunday)

Week of Christmas (dates to be decided dependent upon academic calendar)
(December 25th - January 1st)

3 days a week clinical, 2 days a week class

Semester 6, Year 2 (Spring)

Spring Break Week (dates to be decided dependent upon academic calendar)

4 days a week clinical, 1 day a week class

Semester 7, Year 3 (Summer)

One of the last 2 weeks in August (to be determined by the program administration with half cohort one week and the other half the following week)

4 days a week clinical, 1 day a week class

Semester 8 Year 3 (Fall)

Thanksgiving (Thursday - Sunday)

Week of Christmas (dates to be decided dependent upon academic calendar)
(December 25th - January 1st)

4 days a week clinical, 1 day a week class

Semester 9 Year 3 (Spring)

Graduating students reduce to a 3-day clinical schedule 4 - 6 weeks before the program end date (to be determined by the program administration) to be used for NCE review preparation.