

FAQs 2025

Disclosure (Last updated May 2025: The FAQs are intended as a general guide and are subject to change without notice.

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 early fall). Decisions are either accepted, declined, or waitlisted. 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), students may continue employment, provided it does not interfere with their didactic responsibilities. Permission must be obtained from the Program Administrator to work as a registered nurse (RN) during the second and/or third year of the 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:

| Clinical Site | City | State | Type |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------|----------|
| Baystate Medical Center | Springfield | MA | Primary |
| Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital | Needham | MA | Rotation |
| Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center | Boston | MA | Primary |
| Boston Children's Hospital | Boston | MA | Rotation |
| Boston Children's Waltham | Waltham | MA | Rotation |
| Boston Medical Center | Boston | MA | Primary |

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| Brigham & Women's Faulkner | Boston | MA | Rotation |
| Brigham & Women's Hospital | Boston | MA | Primary |
| Catholic Medical Center | Manchester | NH | Rotation |
| Charlton Memorial Hospital | Fall River | MA | Rotation |
| Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center | Lebanon | NH | Primary |
| Elliot at River's Edge | Manchester | NH | Rotation |
| Elliot Hospital | Manchester | NH | Rotation |
| Emerson Hospital | Concord | MA | Rotation |
| Exeter Hospital | Exeter | NH | Rotation |
| Good Samaritan Medical Center | Brockton | MA | Rotation |
| Lahey Hospital & Medical Center | Burlington | MA | Rotation |
| Lawrence General Hospital | Lawrence | MA | Primary |
| Lowell General Hospital | Lowell | MA | Primary |
| MaineHealth - Maine Medical Center | Portland | ME | Primary |
| MaineHealth - Memorial Hospital | North Conway | NH | Rotation |
| MaineHealth - Surgery Center | Scarborough | ME | Rotation |
| Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary | Boston | MA | Rotation |
| Massachusetts General Brigham Salem Hospital | Salem | MA | Primary |
| Massachusetts General Hospital | Boston | MA | Primary |
| Massachusetts General Hospital Danvers | Danvers | MA | Rotation |
| Massachusetts General Hospital Enterprise | Boston | MA | Primary |
| New London Hospital | New London | NH | Rotation |
| Rhode Island Hospital/Hasbro Children's Hospital | Providence | RI | Primary |
| South Shore Hospital | Weymouth | MA | Primary |
| South Shore Orthopedics | Hingham | MA | Rotation |
| Southcoast Ambulatory Surgical Center | Dartmouth | MA | Rotation |
| Southern New Hampshire Medical Center | Nashua | NH | Rotation |
| St. Elizabeth's Medical Center | Brighton | MA | Rotation |
| St. Luke's Hospital | New Bedford | MA | Rotation |
| St. Vincent's Hospital | Worcester | MA | Rotation |
| Tuft's Medical Center | Boston | MA | Primary |
| UMass Memorial Medical Center/ Hahnemann Campus | Worcester | MA | Primary |
| UMass Memorial Medical Center/Memorial Campus | Worcester | MA | Primary |
| UMass Memorial Medical Center/University Campus | Worcester | MA | Primary |
| Wentworth-Douglass Hospital | Dover | NH | Primary |
| Women & Infants Hospital | Providence | RI | Rotation |

Note: 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 36 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 are required.

What is the cost of the program?

- Please view the Student Financial Services [Tuition and Fees](#) page
 - 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 guide outlines additional Nurse Anesthesia program expenses (subject to change). These costs are not set by NU but are required for program participation.

| Semester | DNP NA Program Expenses | Cost |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 | AANA Membership (one time as a student) | \$300 |
| | 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 |
| 7 | NBCRNA Self-Evaluation Examination (SEE) | \$265 |
| 9 | NBCRNA National Certification Examination (NCE) | \$1,285 |
| | NBCRNA Self-Evaluation Examination (SEE) | \$265 |
| | Additional exams may be required to meet benchmark | |

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| 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 (application required)* | \$3,000 approximately |
| Parking | Parking on Campus | Varies |
| | Parking off Campus & transportation info https://offcampus.sites.northeastern.edu/parking-transportation/ | Varies |
| | Parking at Clinical Sites (free to \$50 daily) | Varies |
| 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 | Varies |
| Certification | ACLS, PALS, BLS (AHA) renewals | Varies |
| | 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 | Varies |

*This opportunity requires students to complete an application process. Selection is determined by multiple factors that will be explained during the application stage.

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.

Students follow Northeastern University's academic calendar for the first four semesters. Beginning in Semester 5, they transition to the NAP calendar (see below). During the clinical phase, students are granted 12 allowable days for personal time, illness, certification/recertification, or study.

Semester 1, Year 1 (Summer)

Memorial Day (05/Monday)

Juneteenth (06/19)

Independence Day (07/04)

Semester 2, Year 1 (Fall)

Labor Day (09/Monday)

NAP Day (09/TBD by PA)

Indigenous Peoples Day (10/Monday)

Veterans Day (11/11)

Fall Break (11/Wednesday-Sunday)

Winter Break (12/TBD by the NU Calander)

Semester 3, Year 1 (Spring)

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (01/Monday)

Presidents Day (02/ Monday)

Spring break (03/TBD by NU Calander)

Patriots Day (04/Monday)

Semester 4, Year 2 (Summer)

Memorial Day (05/Monday)

Juneteenth (06/19)

Independence Day (07/04)

NAP Calendar

Semester 5, Year 2 (Fall)

Labor Day (09/Monday)

NAP Day (09/TBD by the PA)

Indigenous Peoples Day (10/Monday)

Veterans Day (11/11)

Thanksgiving Break (11/Thursday-Sunday)

Winter Break (12/TBD by the PA)

Semester Schedule: 3 days clinical and 2 days class per week.

Semester 6, Year 2 (Spring)

New Year's Day (01/01)

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (01/Monday)

President Day (02/ Monday)

Spring break (03/TBD by NU Calander)

Patriots Day (04/Monday)

Semester Schedule: 4 days clinical and 1 day class per week.

Semester 7, Year 3 (Summer)

Memorial Day (05/Monday)

Juneteenth (06/19)

Independence Day (07/04)

August Vacation

- One of the final two weeks in August will be designated as vacation (TBD by the PA), with half the cohort off each week.

Semester Schedule: 4 days clinical and 1 day class per week.

Semester 8 Year 3 (Fall)

Labor Day (09/Monday)

NAP Day (09/TBD by PA)

Indigenous Peoples Day (10/Monday)

Veterans Day (11/11)

Thanksgiving Break (11/Thursday-Sunday)

Winter Break (12/TBD by the PA)

Semester Schedule: 4 days clinical and 1 day class per week.

Semester 9 Year 3 (Spring)

New Year's Day (01/01)

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (01/Monday)

Presidents Day (02/ Monday)

Patriots Day (04/Monday)

Semester Schedule: 4 days clinical and 1 day class per week.

- Graduating students will transition to a 3-day clinical schedule 4–6 weeks before program completion (TBD by the PA) to allow time for NCE review.

Key:

05/Monday – Monday Holiday in May

PA – Program Administrator, Dr. Lorette

Source: [Northeastern University academic calendar](#)