Timeline of Admission

- **September 1:** Application Deadline
- **September-October:** Interviews conducted, by invitation only
- **End of October:** Admission offered to selected applicants
- **May (of the following year):** Orientation and coursework begins

Minimum Requirements for Admission

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from a regionally accredited college or university, with a nursing program that is accredited by a nationally recognized nursing accrediting agency (CCNE or ACEN)

- Current, unencumbered registered nurse (RN) licensure. (Missouri RN license or nurse compact license with the ability to practice as an RN in Missouri required prior to program start date)

- Minimum one year full-time work experience, or its part-time equivalent, as an RN in a critical care area

- Specific undergraduate coursework:
  - General College Chemistry I
  - Organic Chemistry I with lab (grade of B or better highly recommended)
    - Must have been completed or be enrolled in course at time of interview
  - Undergraduate freestanding health assessment course with a minimum grade of B or better prior to the first clinical course
  - Undergraduate statistics (or quantitative analysis) course recommended

- Minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.2 for the BSN or MSN degree (based on a 4.0 scale).
  - Emphasis will be placed on GPA in science courses

- Critical care nurse specialty certification (CCRN® or equivalent)
Application Instructions

1. Complete the NursingCAS application
2. Request that official transcripts from all institutions attended be sent to NursingCAS
3. Request 3 personal references be sent through the NursingCAS recommender portal. References must be from the following:
   - Immediate supervisor at your current place employment
   - Faculty professor from BSN or MSN program or an additional professional reference
   - Reference able to assess your professional characteristics
4. Upload the following items in the Documents section of NursingCAS
   - RN licensure
   - CV/Resume
   - Certifications (ACLS, BLS, CCRN or equivalent)
   - Personal Statement/Writing Sample

Selection Criteria

The Admissions Committee will invite for interview those applicants whom they consider to be capable of the greatest success in doctoral studies and the anesthesia program. Academic achievement, evidence of sound physical and emotional health, ethical and moral character, and motivation to undertake serious study are essential for graduate school success. Average class size is 18-20 students.

The University Health Truman Medical Center School of Nurse Anesthesia utilizes a holistic application strategy to assess an applicant’s unique experiences alongside traditional measure of academic achievement.

Selection is based on the following criteria:
- Transcripts and grade point average
- Quality of clinical experience
- Evaluation of letters of recommendation
- Essay questions and writing sample
- Personal interview (by invitation)

Applying to UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies

The UHTMC School of Nurse Anesthesia is offered in collaboration with the UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies. Students who are selected for admission to the UHTMC School of Nurse Anesthesia will receive instructions for applying to UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies at that time.