



Application Information

Timeline of Admission: For 2025 Cycle

August 15, 2025: Application Deadline

Sept. 24-Oct. 3, 2025: Interviews (by invitation only)

Mid-October, 2025: Offers of admission to selected candidates

May 2026: 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 (1,872 hours over 12 months).
- Critical care nurse specialty certification (CCRN®) or equivalent.
- Specific undergraduate coursework:
 - General College Chemistry I or equivalent
 - Organic Chemistry I with lab (a minimum grade of B is required)
 - Introductory Organic Chemistry course (100 level) does not meet the requirement
 - Must have completed or be enrolled in the course at the time of application
 - An undergraduate freestanding health assessment course with a minimum grade of B is required prior to admittance.
 - 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.



Application Instructions

1. Complete the UHTMC School of Anesthesia [NursingCAS application](#) (Spring 2026)
2. Request that official transcripts from all institutions attended be sent to NursingCAS
3. Request three personal references and letters of recommendation be sent through the NursingCAS portal. References must be from the following:
 - One letter from the supervisor/manager at your current place of employment
 - Two letters from people in a leadership position and able to speak to the applicant's clinical and/or professional skills. One letter may be from Faculty (educator/professor from BSN or MSN program) if coursework was completed within the past two years.
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 - follow directions in NursingCAS
 - Optional Supplemental Documents (leadership, achievements/awards, additional certifications, volunteering, publications)
5. Pay \$40 Application Fee to University Health Foundation

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. We admit up to 24 students for each cohort.

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 and duration of clinical and professional experiences
- Evaluation of letters of recommendation
- Personal statement and writing sample
- Personal interview (by invitation)

Applying to UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies

The UHTMC School of Nurse Anesthesia has an affiliation with the UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies for students to earn their Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP). Students who are selected for admission to the UHTMC School of Nurse Anesthesia will receive instructions for applying to the UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies at that time.

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