

Why Choose UHTMC School of Nurse Anesthesia?

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Tradition of Excellence

The University Health Truman Medical Center School of Nurse Anesthesia (UHTMC SONA) has a longstanding reputation for academic and clinical excellence. Year after year, our graduates are sought after by employers in the Kansas City area and beyond.

The UHTMC SONA has experienced tremendous growth in the past decade. However, the rich history of graduating outstanding CRNAs prepared to lead in every setting continues. The school boasts a 94% 1st attempt pass rate on the national certification exam since 1993, a 100% employment rate for certified graduates, and overwhelmingly positive feedback from alumni and employers of alumni.

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Vibrant Learning Community

Our small class size of 18-22 students means that every student gets noticed. Students make meaningful connections with faculty and peers. Faculty can tailor instruction to the needs of students.

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A Bright Future

The program is operated by University Health Truman Medical Center (UHTMC) in cooperation with the University of Missouri - Kansas City (UMKC) School of Nursing and Health Studies, and culminates in a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. The comprehensive curriculum prepares graduates for full scope of nurse anesthesia practice.

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Exceptional Clinical Experiences

Our students have the opportunity to participate in over 15,000 anesthesia cases at University Health each year. More than 50% of these clinical experiences occur on patients with a physical status classification of ASA III or greater. The diverse cases and challenging experiences afforded by UH and our affiliated clinical sites will prepare you to be ready for anything.

Affordable Education

Kansas City is one of the most affordable cities in the Midwest. The school provides students with free health insurance, professional liability insurance and student housing for clinical sites outside the KC metro.

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Unparalleled Setting for Learning

University Health is the largest and most comprehensive safety net healthcare provider in Jackson County, Missouri. UHTMC is one of the busiest Level-1 trauma facilities in the Kansas City Metropolitan area providing care to over 1,300 trauma patients each year. We are known for being a regional leader in providing the highest level of care for severely injured patients.

Our Labor and Delivery Unit is known for its high-risk patient population. Many of Kansas City's sickest babies are born here; helping to provide care to the infant's mother before and during labor is of paramount importance. Your experience here is immeasurable.

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Dedicated Faculty

Over 40 CRNAs instruct and mentor students in the clinical setting. Of these CRNAs, more than 60% have been providers and educators for more than a decade and over half have Doctoral degrees.

Leaders in Simulation Education

We consider simulation to be a "second classroom" outside the operating room. Each student spends over 100 hours in our private simulation training center throughout the program. Our curriculum is distinct in that it has a course dedicated to simulation and anesthesia crisis management.

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Maximum Accreditation

10-year accreditation awarded with no citations or recommendations for change in the Spring of 2015 by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA). The DNP program, in affiliation with the UMKC SoNHS, also received a 10-year maximum accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) in 2021.

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