



**Harris College**  
of Nursing & Health Sciences

School of Nurse Anesthesia

## **DNAP Medical Requirements**

Before enrolling, every student must be in good physical and mental health, free from communicable diseases, and submit a medical questionnaire and health history form to the University and the School of Nurse Anesthesia (SONA).

Each student must submit proof of the following to the University prior to enrollment at TCU:

- Meningitis ACWY (Menactra® or Menveo®) administered within the past 5 years. (Students over the age of 22 are exempt from this requirement.)
- Two doses of the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccination or proof of immunity to Measles and Mumps. (Students born before 1957 are exempt from this requirement.)

Each student must submit proof of the following to the School of Nurse Anesthesia (SONA):

- MMR Series 1 & 2 or positive titer of each measles, mumps, rubella
- Hep B Series 1-3 or positive Hep B titer
- Varicella Series 1 or positive varicella titer
- Tdap immunization within last 10 years
- TB test current year
- Seasonal flu immunization

While TCU is not requiring COVID vaccination, most of the clinical sites are requiring proof of COVID vaccination (2 doses of Moderna/Pfizer or 1 dose of J&J).

If students are assigned to a clinical facility that mandates the vaccine, he/she must provide proof of vaccination to the TCU SONA for credentialing purposes, or the student must obtain an exemption from the facility. It is the student's responsibility to seek and obtain the exemption.

For more information, see [www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/) or call the Texas Department of State Health Services, Immunization Division, 1-800-252-9152.

### **Environmental Exposure Advisory**

Providers in anesthesia are advised that several studies find an increase in congenital abnormalities in children of parents exposed to inhalation agents. Results of these studies are questionable. Students of childbearing age are advised to use caution and limit their exposure to inhalation agents.

*Dorsch, J.A. & Dorsch, S.E. (2008). Understanding anesthesia equipment (5th ed.). Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins.*

## **Health Insurance**

Students must have health insurance during the program. TCU provides a health insurance plan for students to purchase, but it's recommended that students explore different plans before choosing one. Students need to show proof of coverage.

Students are not considered hospital employees and are not covered by worker's compensation.

## **Nurse Anesthesia Drug and Alcohol Abuse Statement**

The following policy is in accordance with the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs' Statement on admissions inquiries regarding drug and alcohol use.

- Applicants will be asked if they are currently using illegal drugs, abusing prescription drugs or engaging in imtemperate alcohol use at the time of application. An affirmative answer is grounds for denial of admission.
- After being accepted into the School of Nurse Anesthesia but before enrolling, students will be questioned about past illegal drug use, prescription drug abuse, and excessive alcohol use. Those with a history of use will be subject to monitoring, including drug testing. Not following this policy or failing a drug test will lead to dismissal from the program. The university or clinical facility covers the cost of drug testing.
- All students must be ready for random or scheduled drug testing, determined by the university or clinical training site. Not following this policy or failing a drug test will lead to immediate dismissal from the program. The cost of drug testing is covered by the university or the clinical training facility.
- If the student fails a drug test, the university or clinical training site will offer information about rehabilitation, but they won't cover the costs.

In Texas, referrals are made to:  
Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (T-PAPN)  
7600 Burnet Road, Suite 440  
Austin, Texas 78757-1292  
1-800-288-5528

*After successfully completing a drug rehabilitation program, students can apply for readmission. Readmission is not guaranteed and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.*

- Before starting the clinical residency, students need criminal background checks for insurance and facility credentials. If you have any concerns or questions about this, reach out to the program director beforehand. Prior conviction(s) may result in denial of admission to the clinical residency.