

**The University of Southern Mississippi Nurse Anesthesia Program
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS & CHECKLIST**

Completed	REQUIREMENT
	BSN or MSN from a fully-accredited, NLN or CCNE, program in the United States. BSN completed at time of application
	Completion of the Graduate Record Examination within the past 5 years. A minimum analytical score of 3.0 is required.
	A current, unencumbered registered nursing license in any state with eligibility for licensure in Mississippi. (State compact accepted).
	Completion of official application materials and payment of application fees by stated deadline for the USM Graduate School.
	Proof of immunization against hepatitis B and MMR, recent health examination, and TB skin test yearly.
	Criminal background check and drug screening upon matriculation into program.
	Pay \$100 application fee prior to interview, to USM Nurse Anesthesia Program mail to: Ms Cindy Sheffield 118 College Drive #5095 Hattiesburg, MS 39406
	Must currently be working full time with at least one year, preferably two years, of experience in an area of intensive care nursing at the time of application. ICUs, CVRs, Trauma ICU, Burn ICU, PICU, NICU, Neuro ICU, MedSurg ICU are examples. Step down units, recovery room, and cath labs do not meet qualifications.
	Completed an approved advanced graduate-level statistics course, achieving a grade of B or higher within the past 5 years. (This may be taken after admission to the program from USM in the fall prior to starting program)
	Proof of current certification of advanced cardiac life support (ACLS), pediatric advanced life support (PALS), basic life support (BLS), and critical care nurse certification (CCRN).
	Must submit a current curriculum vitae (CV) (professional resume).
	Complete supplemental College of Nursing and Health professions application: https://www.usm.edu/sites/default/files/groups/graduate-school/pdf/nursing_graduate_application_8-16-2017_0.pdf
	Submission of three (3) letters of reference from individuals (doctoral-level nursing preferred) familiar with the applicant's academic/professional background and experience in nursing practice, specifying in detail the applicant's capacity for doctoral study and clinical expertise. Immediate supervisor, a CRNA and one other with knowledge of your ability is required.

	Submit a cover letter of introduction and a personal statement of scholarly inquiry interests. (Limit to two pages).
	Participate in a personal interview with the Admissions Committee (if invited).
	Proof of recent health examination to include (a) proof of immunization against the Hepatitis B virus, (b) current tuberculosis (TB) skin test or quantiFERON G test, (c) current Tdap immunization, (d) evidence of immunity to varicella, and (e) current MMR immunization.
	Must pass both a criminal background check and drug screening upon admission.
	Complete 2 page essay on prompted question upon being granted an interview.