Nurse Anesthesia Program
Application Procedure

Applicants meeting the admissions requirements are invited to apply

1. Submit the completed application on or before June 30th the year prior to which you are seeking admissions. Completed applications will be screened upon receipt, therefore early application is encouraged.

2. Submit all supporting documents and the non-refundable USM Graduate School application fee to the Office of Admissions no later than June 30th of the year prior to which you are seeking admission. **Applicants must apply to the USM Graduate School in addition to applying to the Nurse Anesthesia Program.**

   A. Supporting documents that are to be submitted to the Graduate School Admissions by the applicant include:

      1. Photocopy or current, unencumbered R.N. license. If state law prohibits the copying of a nursing license, the applicant must request a written statement from the state nursing board verifying current licensure and providing the license number and date of expiration. If the state board of nursing no longer issues a paper license or wallet card, web verification will be accepted.

      2. Proof of current certifications stated on application (front and back, where applicable). Examples of certifications include, but are not limited to, ACLS, PALS, CCRN, etc.

      3. Curriculum Vitae

      4. Upload all supporting documents to your Graduate School Admissions Profile.

   B. Supporting documents that are to be submitted to the USM Graduate School Admissions directly by the sender include:

      1. Official GRE Scores must be sent directly to the USM Graduate School Admissions Office from Education Testing Service. The USM School Code is **1473**.

      2. Official transcripts from **all** colleges, universities, and nursing schools from which the applicant has attended must be sent directly to the USM Graduate School Admissions Office.

      3. Letters of recommendation. Request three letters of professional recommendation from individuals that can accurately assess your professional performance, educational background, and character traits. A valid email address and phone number are required for each recommendation.

         a. A letter of recommendation **must** be completed by:
i. A current and immediate intensive care nursing supervisor.

ii. A past academic faculty member that can attest to your academic ability and performance.

iii. A CRNA or anesthesiologist that can attest to your professional ability, personal attributes, and suitability for the profession.

b. Electronic evaluation forms will be sent to the individual you request by the Graduate School Admissions via an email link. Additional letters of recommendation are welcome; however, the three required references above must be submitted for applications to be considered complete.

c. In addition to the CRNA or anesthesiologists’ letter of recommendation, the individual must also complete and submit a NAP Shadowing Log, indicating the number of hours and types of cases the applicant has experienced under their supervision.

d. Letter of Good Standing. All applicants that have ever attended another nurse anesthesia program must submit an official letter of good standing from the director of the nurse anesthesia program previously attended in order to be considered for admission to the USM NAP.

3. Submit the $100 Nurse Anesthesia Program application fee by June 30 of the year prior to which you are seeking admission. This fee is in addition to the USM Graduate School fee. NAP application fees can be sent directly to the program office at:

   The University of Southern Mississippi
   College of Nursing
   Nurse Anesthesia Program
   118 College Drive #5095
   Hattiesburg, MS 39406

4. Approximately 40 qualified applicants will be invited for a personal interview with the Admissions Committee. Applicants will be notified of the interview date that will be scheduled in mid-August.

5. Questions regarding the application and admission process can be directed to the USM Graduate School Admissions Office. Questions regarding the USM NAP requirements can be directed to the Nurse Anesthesia Program.

6. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that his/her application is complete. Applicants are encouraged to follow up with the Graduate School Admissions office to determine the status of their application.