Western Carolina University, DNP Nurse Anesthesia program, Asheville, North Carolina, USA

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Initial IFNA Recognition: May 2015 – May 2020

RENEWAL: May 2020 Recognition valid until: May 2025

After applying for renewal of level 2 Recognition the program was evaluated following the renewal process described in the International Federation of Nurse Anesthetists ANESTHESIA PROGRAM APPROVAL PROCESS (APAP): OPERATIONAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (pg7-8).

A current curriculum was presented to actualize the information about the program. Student and faculty evaluations were carried out and evaluated in March 2018. Following the review of all information, renewal of Recognition was granted based on the program's meeting eligibility requirements, ability to comply with the IFNA Education Standards, and attempts to continually improve.

Curriculum Overview

Credentials: Degree/ Diploma/ Certificate: Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia

Term and Course	Credits
Summer 1 (9) NSG 823 Economic and Financial Aspects of Healthcare Systems	3
NSG 826 Leadership and Healthcare Systems	3
NSG 814 Foundations and Applications of Evidence Based Healthcare	3
Fall 1 (9)	
NSG 808 Foundational Science for Nurse Anesthesia	2
NSG 801 Essentials of Academic Writing	1
NSG 817 Applied Biostatistics	3
NSG 810 Advanced Physical Assessment and Diagnosis	3
Spring 1 (12)	
NSG 830 Advanced Physiology for Nurse Anesthetists	3
NSG 861 Advanced Anesthesia Pharmacology I	4
NSG 840 Basic Principles of Anesthesia	3
NSG 901 Clinical Anesthesia Practicum I	2
Summer 2 (11)	
NSG 841 Advanced Principles of Anesthesia I	3
NSG 862 Advanced Anesthesia Pharmacology II	3
NSG 831 Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurse Anesthetists I	3
NSG 902 Clinical Anesthesia Practicum/Seminar II	2
Fall 2 (10)	
NSG 842 Advanced Principles of Anesthesia II	3
NSG 832 Advanced Pathophysiology for Nurse Anesthetists II	3

NSG 903 Clinical Anesthesia Practicum/Seminar III	3
NSG 991 DNP Project Development I	1
Spring 2 (11)	
NSG 843 Advanced Principles of Anesthesia III	3
NSG 802 Community Epidemiology	3
NSG 904 Clinical Anesthesia Practicum/Seminar IV	4
NSG 992 DNP Project Development II	1
Summer 3 (5)	
NSG 905 Clinical Anesthesia Practicum/Seminar V	4
NSG 993 DNP Project Development III	1
Fall 3 (9)	
NSG 822 Health Care Policy and Ethics	3

NSG 906 Clinical Anesthesia Practicum/Seminar VI	4
NSG 994 DNP Project Development IV	2
Spring 3 (10)	
NSG 888 Nurse Anesthesia Review	2
NSG 800 Professional Aspects of Nurse Anesthesia Practice	3
NSG 907 Clinical Anesthesia Practicum/Seminar VII	4
NSG 995 DNP Project Development V	1
Total Credit Hours 86	