JEFFERSON COLLEGE OF NURSING
THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY
ENTRY LEVEL NURSE ANESTHESIA DNP PROGRAM
Jefferson Health

5 hospitals
- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
- Abington Hospital
- Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience
- Methodist Hospital
- Abington-Lansdale Hospital

16 outpatient locations
19,000+ employees
3,923 physicians/practitioners

Thomas Jefferson University

Sidney Kimmel Medical College
Jefferson College of Biomedical Sciences
Jefferson College of Health Professions
Jefferson College of Nursing
Jefferson College of Pharmacy
Jefferson College of Population Health
Jefferson Institute for Emerging Health Professions

3,860 students
Jefferson Health

**Thomas Jefferson University Hospital** (Magnet®-designated)
- U.S. News & World Report nationally ranked:
  - Cancer
  - ENT
  - Gastroenterology and GI Surgery
  - Neurology and Neurosurgery
  - Ophthalmology (Wills Eye Hospital)
  - Orthopedics (Rothman Institute and The Philadelphia Hand Center)
  - Urology
- 6 Joint Commission certifications and Top Performer on Key Quality Measures
- One of only 14 hospitals in the nation – and the only one in the Philadelphia region – that is both a Level 1 Regional Resource Trauma Center and a federally-funded Spinal Cord Injury Model System (in affiliation with Magee Rehabilitation Hospital)

**Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center** (NCI-designated) and **Rosenfeld Cancer Center**
- Blue Distinction Centers for Complex and Rare Cancers

**Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience**
- Region’s only hospital dedicated to neurosurgery and neurology

**Abington Hospital** (Magnet®-designated)
- Largest community teaching hospital in Montgomery and Bucks counties
- 8 Joint Commission quality designations and Top Performer on Key Quality Measures

**Abington-Lansdale Hospital** (Pathway to Excellence designation)
- Orthopaedic and Spine Institute

**Methodist Hospital**
- Jefferson Shoulder and Elbow Center and renowned Headache Center
Thomas Jefferson University

Sidney Kimmel Medical College (formerly Jefferson Medical College)
- Second largest free-standing private medical college in U.S.
- Residency placement rate — 97% (exceeding national average)
- USMLE (step 1) student pass rate — 98% (exceeding national average)
- Internationally recognized Center for Interprofessional Education

Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center (NCI-designated)
- One of just 69 nationally
- Cancer Network with members across the region
- One of 8 NCI-designated Prostate Cancer Programs of Excellence
- Melanoma Center of Excellence; Blue Distinction Center for Complex/Rare Cancers

Jefferson Colleges of:
- Biomedical Sciences — 90% of Post-baccalaureate Pre-Professional Program graduates accepted to medical school
- Health Professions — OT ranked among nation’s top ten by U.S.News & World Report; average student licensure pass rate for all reported programs — 87%
- Nursing — among top 100 Best Graduate Nursing Schools by U.S.News & World Report; named a Center for Excellence in Nursing Education by the National League for Nursing; certification pass rate for MSN-NP graduates — 93%
- Pharmacy — graduate pass rate on the licensure exam — 98% (exceeding national average)
- Population Health — first such designated college in the U.S.

Jefferson Institute for Emerging Health Professions
HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

• The Jefferson Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia was closed in 1979. This diploma program was successful in training nurse anesthetists.
• In January 2006, the new reimagined MSN program emerged at the Jefferson School of Nursing.
• The first class graduated in August 2008
• To date, there are 175 Jefferson College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia graduates now in practice, locally and nationally
• The program was awarded the maximum 10 years accreditation in 2009 from the Council on Accreditation (COA)
COLLEGE AND PROGRAM LEADERSHIP
FACULTY AND STAFF

Dean
Dr. Beth Ann Swann
PhD, CRNP, FAAN

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DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

• Joe Rodriguez, 2012
  • PANA Student Rep
  • AANA PAC Student Rep
  • Coffee PAC Challenge
• Malachi Cohen, 2008
  • TJH Clinical Coordinator
• Chris Giberson, 2009
  • NJANA President
• Nick Blanck, 2010
  • NJANA President Elect
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Program Length: 36 months:
Total Credits: 92 credits
Program Entry: Fall 2017
Degree Awarded: August 31, 2020
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Fall Semester

• NU 560 Advance Pharmacotherapeutics
• NU 603 Research for Advanced Practice Nursing I
• NU 625 Epidemiology for the Health Professions
• NU 706 Quality Measurement and Outcomes Analysis in Healthcare (40 Hours)
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Spring Semester

• NU 673 Comprehensive Assessment for Clinical Decision-Making
• NU 570 Pathophysiology of Human Disease
• NU 568 Basic Principles of Anesthesia and Advanced Health
• NU 600 Pharmacokinetics and Dynamics of Anesthesia Agents
• NU 624 Chemistry and Physics Related to Anesthesia
• NU 650 Orientation to Clinical Practice
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Summer Semester

- NU 575 Pathologic Aspects of Disease II
- NU 658 Advanced Principles of Anesthesia
- NU 651 Clinical Practice I
- NU 707 Leadership and Interprofessional Collaboration (40 Hours)
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Fall Semester

• NU 668 Advanced Principles of Anesthesia II
• NU 652 Clinical Practice II
• NU 702 Practice Inquiry: Designs, Methods, and Analyses  
  (40 hours)
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Spring Semester

• NU 605 Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse
• NU 653 Clinical Practice III
• NU 703 Theoretical Foundations for Organizational Change in Healthcare Systems (40 hours)
• NU 704 Philosophy, Foundations, and Methods for Evidence-Based Practice (40 hours)
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Summer Semester

• NU 654 Clinical Practice IV
• NU 701 Scientific Underpinnings for Nursing Practice (40 hours)
• NU 708 Clinical Prevention and Population Health for Improving the Nation’s Health (40 hours)
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Fall Semester

• NU 655 Clinical Practice V
• NU 709 Current Issues in Health & Social Policy: Planning, Participating, and Policymaking (40 hours)
• NU 710 Practicum I (60 hours)
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Spring Semester

• NU 656 Clinical Practice VI
• NU 705 Advanced Topics in Health Informatics (40 hours)
• NU 711 Practicum II (60 hours)
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Summer Semester
- NU 657 Clinical Practice VII
- NU 712 Practicum III (60 hours)
PROGRAM OVERVIEW: SIMULATION

- Simulation experiences are incorporated throughout the program
- Students begin with skill labs: IV’s, Arterial lines, spinal and epidural placement
CLINICAL ROTATIONS

Clinical Sites in the tri-state region
• Lehigh Valley Health Network
• Fox Chase Cancer Center
• Jefferson University Hospitals
• The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
• Nemours AI duPont Hospital for Children
• Christiana Care Health System
• Einstein Healthcare Network
• Aria Health
• Shriners Hospital for Children
• Monmouth Medical Center
• Atlanticare
• Jersey Shore University Medical Center
• Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience
• Lankenau Medical Center
CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

- **Primary Clinical Sites:**
  - Pennsylvania
    - Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia
      - Methodist, South Philadelphia
    - Einstein Medical Center, North Philadelphia
    - Aria Health System, Torresdale Division, Philadelphia
    - Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown, PA
      - 17th Street
      - Muhlenberg
      - Cedar Crest
    - Hahnemann University Hospital
  - Delaware
    - Christiana Care Health System
  - New Jersey
    - Atlanticare, Pomona, NJ and Atlantic City
    - Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, NJ
    - Jersey Shore Medical Center, Neptune, NJ
    - South Jersey Medical Center, Vineland, NJ
CLINICAL SPECIALTY ROTATIONS

• Neurosurgical Anesthesia
  • Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience

• Thoracic/Oncology
  • Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, PA

• Regional Anesthesia
  • Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia

• Pediatric Anesthesia
  • A.I DuPont, Wilmington, DE
  • Shriners Hospital for Children
  • Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
  • Pediatric Cardiac

• Cardiothoracic Anesthesia
  • Lakeneau Hospital, Wynnewood, PA
  • BayHealth, Kent General Hospital, Dover, DE
  • Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA
CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

• Clinical Coordinators
  • Point Person
  • Liaison between clinical site/faculty and university

• Clinical:
  • A minimum of 2000 clinical hours
  • Minimum number of cases is 600 and preferred is 700
  • Typhon – Online medical log system tracks students clinical progress, hours and procedures
STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

• Arrive in the OR Early
  • Arrive early & prepared (5:30am-6am)
• Be prepared to stay late
• Students are dismissed when case is finished or when relieved
• Be prepared to work hard when in clinical
ADMISSION CRITERIA

• BLS
• ACLS
• PALS
• Minimum of one year of experience in a critical care nursing setting
• Interview with Nurse Anesthesia Admission Committee
• Completed online application
• Current RN Licensure
• BSN/MSN from an accredited institution
• Minimum 3.2 GPA (BSN and Science)
  • GRE or MAT if GPA is <3.2
• Three letters of Recommendation (Direct Manager/Supervisor & Educator)
• Introductory Statistics, Physical Assessment and Research courses successfully completed
• Personal Essay; demonstrating commitment and passion for becoming a nurse anesthetist
ONCE ACCEPTED...

- PA, NJ and DE licenses are required as the program conducts clinicals in these states
- Maintain or acquire current certifications BLS, PALS, ACLS
- Fingerprinting, drug screen, and criminal background check, pre-matriculation and annually
- For relocating students, contact Graduate Housing for Assistance
  - [http://www.jefferson.edu/housing.html](http://www.jefferson.edu/housing.html)
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

• I did not know I would need a car...
  • All clinical sites are not local, so a reliable form of transportation is necessary
• I thought my clinical site would be at TJUH...
  • A site is selected based on “fit” first, then geographic proximity
• How much does the program cost?
  • Full Time Tuition: $45,395 per year
  • Per Credit Tuition: $1,129
  • Fees: $1,640 per year
• Will I be able to work as a nurse while attending the program?
  • Some students have been able to and have been successful. However;
    • A student may not work nights before clinical or class
    • Student’s education needs to be priority
• Is there time off?
  • Six major holidays and trimester breaks are provided
  • Student will be compensated for call time. Call begins after completion of 12 clinical months in the program
  • Vacation is taken on semester breaks only
    • Specialty Rotations: Student will receive a week upon return to their primary site
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

• What is the pass rate?
  • 2014 MSN program = 70%
  • 2015 MSN program = 61%
  • 2016 MSN program = 78% (COA official report pending)

• What is the attrition rate?
  • 2014 = 12%
  • 2015 = 7%
  • 2016 = 11.5%

• Are there any scholarships available?
  • AANA Foundation
  • State Associations
  • Alumni Association

• Can I transfer any credits?
  • Students who wish to transfer credits for a graduate course with a grade of B or above earned at another institution must submit a written request to the Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Programs; a maximum of 6 graduate course credits may be transferred

• Why do I need all 3 licenses?
  • You may need to rotate to any of our out-of-state sites
  • A clinical site may at any time discontinue their affiliation with the university
FUTURE GOALS

• Inter-Professional Simulation
• Cadaver Lab Experience
• End of Year Senior Evidence Based Practice Colloquium