

DNP-NA Program Technical Standards

Observational Skills:

Candidates must be able to acquire information quickly and accurately from patients and assess findings. They must be able to perform a complete physical examination independently, correctly observe and interpret diagnostic representation of patients' physiological data, and accurately evaluate patients' conditions and responses in order to integrate this information and develop an appropriate anesthetic plan of care.

Communication Skills:

Candidates must be able to communicate effectively and efficiently in oral and written forms with patients, their families, health care personnel, colleagues, faculty, staff, and all other individuals with whom they come in contact. Candidates must also be able to interpret non-verbal aspects of communication or the way a disease or illness may present and establish therapeutic relationships with patients.

Motor Functions:

Candidates must be able to execute motor movements reasonably required to provide general and emergency treatment, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation, diagnostic maneuvers (e.g., palpitation, auscultation, percussion, and other diagnostic maneuvers), airway management, placement of vascular access devices, performance of neuraxial and peripheral regional anesthesia, and assist with positioning of anesthetized patients. Candidates must also be able to maintain equilibrium; possess sufficient postural control, neuromuscular control, and eye-to-hand coordination; and possess the physical and mental stamina to meet the demands associated with extended periods of sitting, standing, moving, and physical exertion required for satisfactory and safe performance in the clinical and classroom settings.

Intellectual-Conceptual Skills, Integrative and Quantitative Abilities

Candidates must be able to assimilate and engage with detailed and complex information presented through both the didactic curriculum and clinical coursework. Candidates are expected to possess the abilities to measure, calculate, reason, analyze, synthesize/interpret, and transmit information quickly and efficiently in both remote and in-person situations. Candidates must also be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand spatial relationships.

Behavioral Attributes, Social Skills, and Professional Expectations

Candidates must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of their intellectual abilities; the exercise of good judgment, the consistent and prompt completion of all responsibilities related to anesthesia care; and the development of mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with patients and colleagues. Candidates must be able to function effectively under stress; adapt to changing environments; display flexibility; accept and integrate constructive criticism given in the classroom and clinical settings; and learn to function cooperatively and efficiently in the face of uncertainties inherent in clinical practice. Candidates must exhibit integrity, honesty, professionalism, and compassion and are expected to display a spirit of cooperation and teamwork. Candidates are expected to understand the legal and ethical aspects

of the practice Nurse Anesthesia and function within the standards of the profession. Candidates must interact with patients and their families, health care professionals, colleagues, faculty, and staff in a courteous, professional, and respectful manner.