DNAP-C Admissions Requirements Checklist

MTSA enrolls accepted applicants into the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) Program in a CRNA completion degree format once each year, with classes beginning in the fall. **Each of the following criteria must be met for an applicant to be considered for an admission interview.** After the application deadline, the DNAP Program Screening Committee will review the applicant pool, based on the following requirements, to determine which applicants will receive an invitation to interview with the DNAP Program Admissions Committee.

- **Graduation from a COA-Accredited Nurse Anesthesia Program**
  Documentation of graduation from a Nurse Anesthesia Educational Program accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA), by submission of the applicant's Official NBCRNA Transcript, is required.
- **Current Certification or Recertification as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)**
  The applicant must have documentation of current initial certification or recertification as a CRNA, from the National Board on Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA).
- **Current active membership with the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology**
  The applicant must have documentation of current active membership as a CRNA with the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.
- **A Master's Degree**
  A **minimum** of a Master of Science with a focus in nurse anesthesia, or equivalent nursing degree is required. Furthermore, the Master of Science degree must have been earned from a regionally accredited college or university in the United States.
- **Current Licensure as an Advanced Practice (Registered) Nurse (APN/APRN)**
  The applicant must have a current APN or APRN license in their state of residence in the United States, *if applicable*. (Not all states require APN or APRN license).
- **Current Licensure as a Professional Registered Nurse (RN)**
  The applicant must also have a current RN license in their state of residence in the United States.
- **CRNA Practice**
  The applicant must provide documentation of recent/current CRNA practice experience.
- **Personal Letter**
  A personal letter addressed to the DNAP Completion Admissions Committee summarizing experience, with reasons for wishing to enroll in MTSA's DNAP program in the CRNA completion degree format.
  1. Introduction of yourself, background, and why you are interested in MTSA for your DNAP degree. (2-3 paragraphs)
  2. Your focused area of interest (please discuss all 5 points as stated below in 2-4 paragraphs total)
     a. What is the focused area of interest?
     b. Why does this interest you?
     c. What population would benefit from this evidenced-based inquiry?
     d. How would you classify your area/question of interest? (i.e. patient safety issue, health care policy, patient education, anesthesia provider education, etc.)
     e. Why do you think this area of interest would benefit other anesthesia providers, or patient populations?
  3. Your plan for completion of the DNAP degree while you are working and a description of your current practice setting. (1-2 paragraphs)

- References

  Submit three (3) professional references utilizing the Reference Request form, which is available through NursingCAS.

- Transcripts

  Official transcripts (issued directly from the institution to MTSA) of all academic work since high school must be submitted to NursingCAS prior to the application deadline. This includes any non-degree seeking courses taken at any time since high school. If an applicant is enrolled in any course between the time he submits the application and the interview, the applicant must have an official transcript for this course submitted to MTSA, prior to the interview. If an applicant is enrolled in any course between the interview and enrollment, the applicant must have an official transcript for this course submitted to MTSA, prior to enrollment. Continued acceptance and enrollment are contingent upon MTSA's receipt of this official transcript.

- Minimum 3.0 Cumulative GPA

  A minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA is required. The DNAP Program Screening Committee reviews the entire applicant pool each year to determine the most highly qualified applicants to receive invitations to interview.

- Current Curriculum Vitae or resume

- Admissions Deadline:

  Each year, a deadline for application completion is posted at www.mtsa.edu.