



**School of Nursing and Health Sciences**  
**Master of Science in Nursing with a Specialty in Anesthesia**

All admission requirements must be received before the March 15, deadline for candidates to be considered. A total of 40 applicants who complete all the admission requirements by the deadline and score among the strongest candidates will be called in April for interview with the Nurse Anesthesia Program (NAP) Admissions Committee. Applications will be reviewed once a year and students will be accepted into the next available class in August. A total of 25 students will be admitted every year.

**Admission requirements**

A. Submit the following documents:

1. Completed and signed Application for Graduate Studies at the School of Nursing and Health Sciences.
2. Submit a one-page personal letter describing your educational background, clinical experience, reasons for selecting this specialty and admission to UAA. (Statement of Purpose)
3. Official transcripts from all universities and colleges previously attended providing evidence of having a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from an accredited university with a minimum GPA of 3.00. These transcripts must also provide evidence of having completed at least 3-credit hours with laboratory at the undergraduate level of the following courses, or their equivalents: General Chemistry or Principles of Chemistry. Official transcripts should be sent directly to:

AAU-Nurse Anesthesia Program  
PO Box 118  
Mayaguez, PR 00681

4. A copy of the Bachelor in Nursing Science diploma.
5. Current Licensure as a Registered Nurse in Puerto Rico (Registry Certificate).

6. Professional Curriculum Vitae.
  7. Current membership of the College of Nursing Professionals of Puerto Rico (CPEPR).
  8. A color photocopy ID and two passport photos.
  9. Evidence of a minimum of one year of work experience as a professional nurse in critical care. Submit three letters of recommendation using the **Reference Form** provided with the Application for Graduate Studies. One of these letters must be completed by the applicant's direct supervisor from the critical care area of practice and dated no more than 3 months from the deadline to submit documents. **Critical Care Experience**. During this experience, the registered professional nurse has developed critical decision-making and psychomotor skills, competency in patient assessment, and the ability to use and interpret advanced monitoring techniques. A critical care area is defined as one where, on a routine basis, the registered professional nurse manages one or more of the following: invasive hemodynamic monitors (such as pulmonary artery catheter, CVP, arterial); cardiac assist devices; mechanical ventilation; and vasoactive infusions. Examples of critical care units may include but are not limited to: Surgical Intensive Care, Cardiothoracic Intensive care, Coronary Intensive Care, Medical Intensive Care, Pediatric Intensive Care, and Neonatal Intensive Care. Those who have experiences in other areas may be considered if they can demonstrate competence with managing unstable patients, invasive monitoring, ventilators, and critical care pharmacology.
- B. Sign the following documents:
1. Antillean Adventist University Lifestyle Contract.
  2. UAA Permanent Document
- C. Provide evidence of having taken the following tests:
1. Standardized English test, LOEP, at the UAA Language Department or TOEFL test.
  2. EXADEP test or GRE test.
- D. Present originals of the following documents:
1. Evidence of Health Certificate.
  2. Criminal Background Check from the last six months by the Puerto Rico Police Department.

- 3. Proof of Hepatitis B, Influenza, and Varicella vaccinations or titles.
- 4. Current CPR, ACLS, and PALS certifications (certifications must be current during enrollment in the program).
- E. Pay the admission fee, \$25.00 (nonrefundable).
- F. Attend an interview with the NAP Admissions Committee upon submission of all required documents by the deadline and if selected among the 40 strongest applicants. A total of 25 students will be admitted per year.

### **Selection Criteria**

Since the class size is limited to 25 students per year, candidates who meet the minimum admission requirements may not be considered. The Nurse Anesthesia Program Admission Committee will screen applicants and the most qualified individuals will be invited for an interview. The Admission Committee will select the most qualified applicants based on the following criteria:

- A. EXADEP or GRE test results – 15%
- B. LOEP or TOEFL test results – 15%
- C. Previous academic performance (GPA) – 15%
- D. Statement of Purpose – 15%
- E. References from critical care unit supervisor and colleagues – 15%
- F. Interview with the NAP Admission Committee – 25%

### **Nurse Anesthesia Professional, Intellectual, and Clinical Competencies**

It is the policy of Antillean Adventist University that no student shall be denied access to or participation in the services, programs, and activities of the University solely on the basis of her or his disability. However, all students must be able to perform all of the didactic and clinical requirements of the curriculum as well as the physical competency standards with or without reasonable accommodations.

Didactic and clinical professional and physical competency standards include:

1. **Ability to observe and communicate.** Nurse anesthetists must be able to observe, hear, and understand evidence about a patient's status quickly and accurately as well as communicate rapidly and clearly with patients, members of the healthcare team, and others.

2. **Physical capabilities and motor skills.** Nurse anesthetists are required to move, transfer, and position patients and to locate and arrange equipment as needed; to be sufficiently mobile to provide care to several patients at a time, and to have sufficient dexterity, hand/eye coordination, and stamina to operate complicated instruments and perform proceedings for prolonged periods as necessary.
3. **Cognitive skills and intellectual capacities.** Nurse anesthetists are able to understand complex medical information related to patient needs and care; to transcribe and communicate that information quickly and accurately; and to distinguish standard from nonstandard patterns of patient behaviors and responses.
4. **Decision making skills.** Nurse anesthetists are expected to demonstrate the capacity to gather, organize, assess, prioritize, make decisions, and then act on information appropriately so as to facilitate the prompt and timely delivery of patient care.
1. **Behavioral and social attributes.** Nurse anesthetists should exhibit professionally appropriate behaviors at all times with patients, members of the healthcare delivery team, and the public. These behaviors include capacities to establish rapport and trust including respect for team roles and norms; to preserve confidentiality; to communicate clearly with patients, other health care providers and the public; to complete work in a timely manner; and to demonstrate commitment to ensuring the quality and safety of the nurse anesthesia practice.
2. **Ability to complete above competencies in the work environment.** The operating room environment (including all anesthetizing areas) is loud and often chaotic. A nurse anesthesia provider, both CRNA and student, must be able to block out the confusion and maintain his or her patients' safety. This requires the nurse anesthesia provider to remain focused on the tasks at hand, evaluate and act in a timely fashion and communicate effectively with the other operating room personnel. At times of extreme stress, when the patient requires the full attention of the nurse anesthesia provider, additional time and a quiet environment cannot be given.



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**Graduate Studies Application**

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Completar y firmar la Aplicación para Estudios Graduados, acompañada de una carta personal, de una página, al Comité de Admisiones del Programa de Enfermería en Anestesia describiendo su historial educacional, su experiencia clínica, razón para seleccionar la especialidad de anestesia y porque quiere ser considerado para admisión en la UAA.  
 (Completed and signed Application for Graduate Studies, accompanied by one-page personal letter to the Nurse Anesthesia Program Admissions Committee describing your educational background, clinical experience, reasons for selecting anesthesia specialty and why you want to be considered for admission at UAA.)

Apellidos/ Last Name		Nombre / Name		Inicial/Initial	
Fecha y Lugar de Nacimiento / Date and Place of Birth		Género (M,F) / Gender		# Seguro Social/Social Security #	
Tipo de Visa (si no es ciudadano de EU) / Type of VISA		Ciudadanía / Citizenship			
Dirección Postal / Postal Address					
Teléfono Residencial / Home Phone _____ Teléfono Celular / Cellular Phone _____			Dirección de correo electrónico / Email Address		
Solicito admisión para/Admission for: Agosto/August      Año/Year _____			Religión / Religion (only for statistics purposes)		

<b>Instituciones Universitarias a las que ha asistido / Universities Attended</b>			
Nombre de la Institución / Name of Institution	Fecha de Ingreso / Enrollment Date	Fecha de Graduación/ Graduation Date	Grado Adquirido y Concentración / Degree Earned and Specialization



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**DOMINIO DE IDIOMAS / LANGUAGES DOMAIN**

Nota: La Universidad ofrece cursos en español y en inglés. / The University offers courses in Spanish and English.

¿Cómo te consideras? / ¿How would you rate yourself?

IDIOMA Language	LECTURA Reading			ESCRITURA Writing			Comunicación Oral Oral Communication		
	BUENA Good	REGULAR Fair	POBRE Poor	BUENA Good	REGULAR Fair	POBRE Poor	BUENA Good	REGULAR Fair	POBRE Poor
ESPAÑOL/Spanish									
INGLÉS/English									

**EXPERIENCIA PROFESIONAL – Professional Experience**

FECHAS Dates	DESCRIPCIÓN DE TRABAJO Job Description	EMPLEADOR Y DIRECCIÓN Employer and Address

¿Ha sido usted expulsado de alguna institución educativa o convicto por algún delito? \_\_\_\_\_ Si / Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No / No  
 Si su respuesta es afirmativa, favor incluir detalles en una hoja aparte.  
 Have you ever been dismissed from an educational institution or convicted of a felony?  
 If your answer is yes, please attach an explanation.

¿Cómo supo de la UAA? / How did you know about UAA?

Personal UAA / UAA Employee     Alumno / Student     Televisión / Television     Prensa / Press  
 Vallas electrónicas / Billboards     Ex Alumno / Alumni     Radio / Radio     Pastor / Pastor  
 Other / Other \_\_\_\_\_

Si fue reclutado por alguna persona, indique su nombre. / If you were recruited please indicate by whom.  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Razón por la cual desea estudiar en esta Universidad. / Reason for which you wish to study at this institution.  
 Acreditación / Accreditation     Educación Cristiana / Christian Education     Cerca de mi casa / Close to home  
 Otros / Others \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRMA DEL SOLICITANTE / Applicant's Signature**

**FECHA – Date**

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**REFERENCE FORM**

**Applicant:** Please print your full name: \_\_\_\_\_

The Nurse Anesthesia Program requests your evaluation of the above named applicant for use. This form will be reproduced and referred to the Admissions Committee. All information will be handled in a confidential manner. This form should not be returned to the applicant, but sent directly to the Nurse Anesthesia Program (Nurse Anesthesia Program-PO Box 118 ♦ Mayagüez, PR 00681).

Instructions: Please rate the applicant's abilities and skills by selecting your answer on a scale from 0 to 5. If you check 3 (average) or below, please provide comments. Scale: 0 Unknown 1 Very Poor 2 Below Average 3 Average 4 Above Average 5 Outstanding	5	4	3	2	1	0
1. Ability to express thoughts in writing in Spanish						
2. Ability to express thoughts in writing in English						
3. Ability to express thoughts in speaking in Spanish						
4. Ability to express thoughts in speaking in English						
5. Adaptability						
6. Character						
7. Cooperativeness						
8. Emotional stability						
9. Intellectual ability						
10. Leadership: initiative						
11. Personal appearance						
12. Personality						
13. Professionalism						
14. Reliability						
15. Cognitive skills						
16. Decision-making skills						
17. Physical capabilities						





Please rate the applicant's additional habits and skills. If you check 3 (sometimes) or below, please provide comments. Scale: 0 Unknown 1 Never 2 Rarely 3 Sometimes 4 Most of the time 5 Always	5	4	3	2	1	0
	18. Motor Skills					
	19. One of the top RNs.					
	20. Punctual.					
	21. Good attendance record.					
	22. Takes constructive criticism well.					
23. This applicant takes directives well.						
24. If I were critically ill, I would want this applicant for my RN.						
25. On an extremely busy day, I hope this applicant is working with me.						
26. Gets along well with the other staff.						
27. Has a good rapport with the patients and their families.						
28. Interested in learning new things and staying current in their field.						
29. Goes the extra mile beyond the call of duty.						
30. Routinely given the most critically ill patients.						

Please comment on applicant's significant strengths and/or weakness.

**Thank you.**

To be completed by reference. NOTE: **Please seal the envelope and sign your name across the seal.**

Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Title of Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Known: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated from/to: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you work with applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Home and Work Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_