Today’s nurse anesthetists need theoretical knowledge and advanced skills to meet the critical demands of their profession. At La Roche College, we offer two practice-based degree programs for you to manage patients in today’s complex health care environment.

• Master of Science in Health Science
  Offered in partnership with Allegheny School of Anesthesia
• Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (online)

Students enrolled in our master's degree program receive a valuable blend of classroom learning and extensive clinical experience, while doctoral candidates prepare for leadership roles in health care policy, administration and education.
WHY LA ROCHE?

Industry-connected faculty including highly respected experts within the Pittsburgh health care community

A liberal arts institution offering a practice-based education and higher-level skills to prepare you for lifelong learning and career success

For master’s degree students, a residential campus located just 15 minutes north of downtown Pittsburgh

For doctoral students, a convenient online program to meet the needs of working professionals

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE - NURSE ANESTHESIA
La Roche and Allegheny School of Anesthesia offer an integrated approach to nurse anesthesia education: classroom learning coupled with hands-on experience.

Our full-time graduate program consists of two portions:

- Core science courses at La Roche
- Didactics I and II and Clinical Practicum at Allegheny School of Anesthesia and clinical affiliates

Please refer to the enclosed course rotation for an outline of requirements.

LA ROCHE COMPONENT
This portion of the program provides you with a broad base of knowledge in the biophysical sciences. The curriculum includes courses in:

- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Pathophysiology
- Organic, medicinal and biological chemistry
- Pharmacology
- Medical physics

These core courses offer the scientific foundation and skills that you need to become an expert in:

- Managing patients of various age groups with varying coexisting comorbidities
- Applying theoretical concepts to real-world situations
- Using research to solve complex problems and evaluate current anesthesia literature

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ALLEGHENY SCHOOL OF ANESTHESIA COMPONENT

Didactics I
This course is composed of clinically-based classes and student presentations which deal with basic principles of anesthesia practice. This course continues throughout year one.

Didactics II
This course is composed of clinically-based classes and student presentations which deal with more advanced principles of anesthesia practice. This course continues throughout year two.

Clinical overview
Our program is structured with an integrated format. Students are taught the science of anesthesia in the classroom as they apply that knowledge in the clinical setting.

The clinical component begins early in the first semester and is designed in a progressive format, beginning with “mock induction” simulations prior to actual patient management. Students spend five months at their first clinical rotation in order to acclimate to their new role as anesthesia providers.

Later students rotate through our 11 clinical sites. During their clinical practicum, students are scheduled specialty rotations, including cardiac, neuro, pediatric, OB, regional and trauma.

Our students graduate having far exceeded the national minimum case requirements, as established by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.

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DOCTOR OF NURSE ANESTHESIA PRACTICE
The Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) is designed to meet the needs of the working professional.

The full-time option is offered in three consecutive semesters, and the program begins in early summer with an on-campus weeklong residency. Classes are offered online and within a 15-week format.

Students must fulfill 26 credits to successfully complete the program.

DNAP students learn how to:

- Analyze current and emerging scientific knowledge and technologies to provide the highest level of nurse anesthesia practice.
- Translate applicable evidence-based research findings into practice.
- Initiate changes in response to social, political, economic and ethical issues in health care.
- Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams in the design, implementation, and evaluation of programs and policies for the improvement of health care.
- Develop leadership skills to meet the challenges of increasingly complex health care and educational environments impacting the practice of nurse anesthesia.

Visit laroche.edu for course descriptions.
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE

For RNs who are not CRNAs:
The application process begins with prior acceptance into Allegheny School of Anesthesia, which requires the following:

- Completed application form and a non-refundable $50 application fee payable to Allegheny School of Anesthesia
- Transcripts from nursing school(s) and each college attended*
- Three completed letter of reference forms
- Copy of current resume
- Additional supporting documents may be required by Allegheny School of Anesthesia
- Appropriate baccalaureate degree: BSN, B.S. or B.A.
- Current licensure as registered nurse
- GPA of 3.0 or higher on 4.0 scale at undergraduate level
- Acceptable scores on Graduate Record Exam or Miller Analogy Test
- Minimum of one year of nursing experience in adult critical care setting
- Current BCLS, ACLS and PALS certification
- GPA of 3.0 or higher on 4.0 scale at undergraduate level in: Chemistry, Human Anatomy & Physiology, Pharmacology and Physics*
- Three approved recommendations from:
  - Immediate nurse manager in current position
  - Person familiar with your competency in present position
  - Nursing supervisor

Once accepted by Allegheny School of Anesthesia, your completed file will be sent to La Roche's Graduate Studies & Adult Education office. You will then be contacted by La Roche in order to complete the La Roche application process.

*If any of these courses were taken more than 10 years ago, applicants may be required to verify competency in these areas.

*This includes transcripts from any community college. Transcripts must be final, official transcripts, include each institution's official seal and be sent directly to the school of anesthesia by the institution's registrar.
For current licensed CRNAs:
Please submit the following:

- Application form
- All La Roche admission materials
- Copy of CRNA license

Additional supporting documents may be required by Allegheny School of Anesthesia.

Direct all requests for application materials or program information to the Office of Graduate Studies & Adult Education at La Roche: 412-536-1260.

DOCTOR OF NURSE ANESTHESIA PRACTICE

- Official transcripts
- Evidence of graduation from an accredited baccalaureate or higher nursing program, or possession of a bachelor of science degree in a basic or an appropriate health science field
- Evidence of a master's degree from a nationally accredited nurse anesthesia program (ACEN or CCNE) and certification as a CRNA
- RN license
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5
- Submission of a curriculum vitae and three professional references
- Submission of required essays:
  - One essay will focus on the applicant's professional goals
  - The second essay should discuss the applicant's research area of interest and proposed doctoral capstone project
- Completed and signed application form

For International Students
In addition to the above stated requirements, international students must:

- Complete the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) process to evaluate the international license to practice nursing and any educational program transcripts
- Copy of U.S. Nursing License

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MISSION
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