Master of Science Degree

HEALTH SCIENCE: NURSE ANESTHESIA

Engaging Minds. Embracing the World.

La Roche COLLEGE
La Roche College's partnership with Allegheny School of Anesthesia prepares you for the challenges of a rapidly changing industry. As today's health care arena becomes increasingly competitive, we believe your education should be too.

Together we offer you a program that's both practical and innovative. Through classroom learning and clinical experience, you'll learn how to manage patients, solve problems and act as a leader in a demanding field.
WHY LA ROCHE?

**Clinical-based courses** at Allegheny School of Anesthesia, located within Allegheny General Hospital, a Level I trauma center

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

**Eleven clinical sites** offering a variety of real-world experiences in adult and pediatric care

**A rigorous program** accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs

Visit [laroche.edu](http://laroche.edu) to view application requirements.
MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAM
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

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LA ROCHE PORTION
With three diverse components, the program covers all of the areas that you need to meet the challenges and demands of today's nurse anesthesia field:

Biophysical sciences – These classes provide you with expertise in the perioperative, resuscitative and ventilator support phases of care.

Research – This component introduces you to the nature of scientific thinking, research techniques, data analysis and interpretation, and conclusions.

Advanced theory – This portion of the program covers the principles and techniques involved in managing patients of varying ages and health conditions.

The core courses you complete at La Roche offer the scientific foundation and leadership skills that you need to be 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
**ALLEGHENY SCHOOL OF ANESTHESIA PORTION**

**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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### CLINICAL AFFILIATIONS

**CLINICAL ROTATIONS WILL BE SCHEDULED AT OUR 11 CLINICAL AFFILIATIONS:**

- Allegheny General Hospital
- Alle-Kiski Medical Center
- Butler Memorial Hospital
- Forbes Hospital
- Heritage Valley Health System: Beaver Medical Center
- Heritage Valley Health System: Moon Surgery Center
- Heritage Valley Health System: Sewickley Valley Hospital
- St. Clair Memorial Hospital
- The Western Pennsylvania Hospital
- UPMC Passavant
- Wheeling Hospital
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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Master of Science in Health Science

For RNs:
You must enroll in the health science graduate program on a full-time basis.

You will supplement your theoretical studies at La Roche with clinical-based lectures and clinical practicum at Allegheny School of Anesthesia and clinical affiliates.

The application process begins with prior acceptance into Allegheny School of Anesthesia, which requires the following:

- Completed application form
- 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
- Copy of current nursing license
- Additional supporting documents may be required by Allegheny School of Anesthesia

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 application process.

*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.

Please direct requests for application materials or program information to Allegheny School of Anesthesia: 412-442-2188.

For CRNAs:
- Completed application form
- A non-refundable $50 application fee payable to La Roche College

Please direct requests for application materials or program information to the Office of Graduate Studies & Adult Education at La Roche: 412-536-1260.
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MISSION
La Roche College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, founded and sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of Divine Providence, fosters global citizenship and creates a community of scholars from the region, the nation and around the world. The College integrates liberal arts and professional education in creative ways, empowering all members of our community to become lifelong learners, achieve success in their chosen careers and promote justice and peace in a constantly changing global society.