



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 30 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 for the Master of Science in Nursing with a Specialty in Anesthesia

A. Submit the following documents:

- 1. Completed and signed Application for Graduate Studies at the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, accompanied by a one-page personal letter to the Nurse Anesthesia Program (NAP) Admissions Committee describing your educational background, clinical experience, reasons for selecting anesthesia specialty and why you want to be considered for admission at UAA.
- 2. 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
- 3. A copy of the Bachelor in Nursing Science diploma.
- 4. Current Licensure as a RN in Puerto Rico.
- 5. Professional Curriculum Vitae.
- 6. Evidence of Current membership at the College of Nursing Professionals of Puerto Rico (CPEPR).
- 7. A color photocopy ID and two passport photos.
- 8. 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. National Certification Examination (NCE) Commitment.
- 3. UAA Permanent Document

C. Provide evidence of having taken the following test with the required minimum scores:

- 1. Minimum score of 90 in the standardized English test, LOEP, at the UAA Language Department.
- 2. Minimum score of 450 in EXADEP test or its equivalent.

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 30 strongest applicants. A total of 25 students will be admitted per year.

Selection Criteria

Since the class size is limited, 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:

- Submission of the completed application and all supporting materials by the deadline.
- Previous academic performance.
- Demonstrated success as a professional Registered Nurse in a critical care area.
- Demonstrated ability to perform all anticipated tasks relevant to the practice of Nurse Anesthesia.

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.
5. **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 of an upgrade the practice of nurse anesthesia.
6. **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

UAA-Nurse Anesthesia Program: P. O. Box 118 ♦ Mayagüez, PR 00681	
E-Mail: ycardona@uaa.edu	Tel. (787) 834-9595 Ext. 2444, 2229
E-Mail: jenruiz@uaa.edu	Fax (787) 834-9597

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	Género (M,F) / Gender	# Seguro Social/Social Security # (last 4 SS #)
Fecha y Lugar de Nacimiento / Date and Place of Birth		Ciudadanía / Citizenship	
Tipo de Visa (si no es ciudadano de EU) / Type of VISA		Dirección de correo electrónico / Email Address	
Dirección Postal / Postal Address			
Teléfono Residencial / Home Phone _____		Facsímil / Fax (If any)	
Teléfono Celular / Cellular Phone _____			
Solicito admisión para/Admission for: Agosto/August Año/Year		Religión / Religion (only for statistics purposes)	

Instituciones Universitarias a las que ha asistido / Universities Attended

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

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			
PUBLICACIONES – Publications									
DISTINCIONES ACADÉMICAS – Academic Awards									
¿Ha sido usted expulsado de alguna institución educativa o convicto por algún delito? Si su respuesta es afirmativa, favor incluir detalles en una hoja aparte. _____ Si / Yes _____ No / No 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 _____									
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			
Esta Universidad está autorizada bajo la Ley Federal a matricular estudiantes internacionales. La Universidad se reserva el derecho de admisión por año escolar a cualquier estudiante. No se procesará ninguna solicitud sin haber recibido previamente todos los documentos requeridos. / This University is authorized under Federal Law to enroll non immigrant students. The University reserves the right to refuse admission to any student school year. Not process any application without having first received all the required documents.									
Uso oficial solamente. Tipo de estudiante. / Official use only. Type of student.									
_____ Regular / Regular _____ Especial / Special _____ Readmisión / Readmission									



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PURPOSE ESSAY

Submit a personal letter (one page) 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.

Lined area for writing the purpose essay.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____



“OUR LIFESTYLE IS WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE”

Name: _____
Father’s Last Name Mother’s Last Name Name Initial

We are excited about welcoming you as a prospective student of Antillean Adventist University. We value each student and believe that the diversity you bring enriches all of us. Since Antillean Adventist University is a Christian campus we wanted to take this opportunity to introduce our campus-life program and hope that you will treasure the special educational environment we have attempted to create.

The mission of Antillean Adventist University is to provide higher education to those who wish to study within the context of a holistic educational philosophy as defined by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It endeavors to prepare competent individuals to serve Church and society as agents of positive change. The mission is carried out in a Christian environment through teaching and learning, research, cultural enrichment, and supportive personnel services.

Antillean Adventist University is owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Students attending our University do not need to belong to our faith, but we ask that our on-campus value system be respected. Due to the University’s Christian emphasis, we meet on different occasions during the week to give our students an opportunity to participate in non-academic activities. These devotional services are provided at convenient times and we welcome you to participate.

The University Student Handbook outlines the standards expected for students of Antillean Adventist University. Students are encouraged to act in ways that support the deepest respect for each other’s rights and feelings. Personal appearance should reflect modesty and good taste. We promote a balanced lifestyle that maximizes good health and academic development. Students are expected to refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or illegal drugs while enrolled at the University. For more information about our regulations and policies, you can access the following web address: <http://www.aaa.edu/esp/index.php/servicios-al-estudiante>.

I hereby certify that, after reading this document, I accept and understand all of its content and agree to abide to all of the above mentioned while enrolled at the Antillean Adventist University. I agree to comply all the norms, policies and regulations of Antillean Adventist University as published in the Catalogue, in the Student’s Manual, in any other bulletins or of the administration or as directed by any officer or professor of the University while enrolled as a student.

Student Signature

Printed Name

Date



UAA PERMANENT DOCUMENT

The Institution encourages applicants interested in benefiting from educational opportunities offered on a campus that is committed to Christian principles, which are promoted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The UAA does not discriminate on the basis of religious affiliation, race, age, gender, physical handicap or nationality. All documents submitted to establish eligibility for admission become permanent property of the University and cannot be withdrawn or used by students. The application form and all pertinent documents expire and will be destroyed following two years of submission, except for international students.

I, _____ I certify that I have read the entire contents of this document and sign it freely and voluntarily today _____. (Month/Day/Year)

I understand and accept its content and I am agreeing to respect it.

Student Signature



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National Certification Examination (NCE) Commitment

I, _____, commit to take the National Certification Examination (NCE) within 120 days after having completed the graduation requirements established in the Nurse Anesthesia Student Handbook and Administrative Manual.

Student Signature: _____

Witness: _____

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						
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4. Ability to express thoughts in speaking in English						
5. Adaptability						
6. Character						
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12. Personality						
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14. Reliability						
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16. Decision-making skills						
17. Physical capabilities						
Please rate the applicant's additional habits and skills. If you check 3						

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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: _____

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