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INTRODUCTION

These pages are meant to serve as an addition to the *Graduate Student Handbook* published by Boston College School of Nursing. All of the information contained in the handbook pertains to students in the Program in Nurse Anesthesia, however, because the Program in Nurse Anesthesia requires additional matters specific to the specialty to be addressed, this addendum has been developed.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Boston College Program in Nurse Anesthesia is to prepare graduates to excel as doctorly prepared advanced practice care-givers and leaders. It is the belief that the role of the nurse anesthetist is based upon a foundation of ethical principles and patient advocacy. The goal of the program is to provide a climate of professional growth through the marriage of strong academics and clinical practice. The advanced practice nurse anesthetist is prepared to promote nursing through leadership, mentorship, and research-based practice. Fundamental to the mission of the program is the inherent value of the individual and the commitment to society.

5. Critically analyze patient response to anesthesia and surgery and modify the plan accordingly.
6. Discriminate among various anesthetic techniques, selecting the best approach for all patients across the lifespan.
7. Evaluate the need for and interpret information from various monitoring modalities for each individual patient.
8. Formulate and implement a strategy for maintaining perioperative homeostasis through the use of adjunctive medications, fluid replacement, and thermoregulation.
9. Provide anesthesia care across the perioperative continuum insuring safety, comfort, and consultation for other professionals.
10. Engage in self-reflection as a basis for professional growth and improved patient care.
11. Utilize current evidence from the literature as a basis for clinical decision-making.
12. Integrate professional, legal and ethical standards of care acknowledging personal accountability for decision-making in nurse anesthesia practice.

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE WITH NURSE ANESTHESIA SPECIALIZATION

POLICIES (Reviewed May 2022)

These policies are not meant to replace but rather be in addition to policies of the Boston College School of Nursing.

Academic Progression

All graduate students in the William F. Connell School of Nursing are expected to maintain a GPA of 3.0 in order to remain in good academic standing. The minimum acceptable passing grade for graduate courses is a B- (80). Students will undergo academic review if they have a GPA of less than 3.0 or earn a grade less than a B- (80) in a course. If a student does not meet the minimum of a B- (80) in any graduate NURS course (s)he will be required to retake the course before advancing in the curriculum. Additionally, the student will be placed on academic probation and will be unable to progress until the deficit is remediated. Graduate students may repeat a nursing course only once after withdrawing from it or not achieving a B-.

Unsafe clinical practice and/or unprofessional conduct are grounds for failure in any clinical course and may result in immediate removal from the clinical site. Students who demonstrate unsafe or unprofessional conduct in a clinical laboratory or clinical practice site will undergo review by the Graduate Academic Standards and Progressions Committee and may be dismissed from the program. Students may also be immediately removed from the clinical site, undergo review by the Undergraduate Academic Standards and Progressions Committee and/or be dismissed from the program under the following conditions:

1. Clinical performance endangering patient safety;

Attendance

Participation in all classroom and clinical activities is essential to successful completion of the Nurse Anesthesia program.

Students are expected to be present for all didactic classes, clinical experiences, and clinical conferences. Any unexplained absence will be brought to the attention of the Program Director. Illness, environmental (weather), and family emergencies will be taken into consideration.

Call

Invaluable experience can be gained by providing anesthesia care during off-shift hours. For this reason students will be assigned to these shifts during select rotations. These on-call assignments may include an evening or weekend shift; however at no time will the student be assigned to either the clinical area or the classroom on a day following an overnight call. A CRNA or MD preceptor will be present at all times within the operating room suite when the student is on call.

Clinical Affiliations

[D.N.P. in Nurse Anesthesia \(bc.edu\)](http://bc.edu)

Clinical Hours

Clinical time should not exceed 50 hours per week averaged over 4 weeks. Students are expected and encouraged to avail themselves of appropriate educational experiences and should complete each anesthetic unless the case extends significantly beyond 5:30 pm. At no time should the student continue to provide anesthesia care beyond 7:30 pm without the permission of the Program Director or Assistant Program Director. A break of at least 10 hours between scheduled shifts is mandatory. Compensatory time is not routinely granted.

Committee Pn

Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

Students who are ill on a day when they are assigned to the clinical area must notify their clinical sites as directed by the clinical coordinator. They must also email both the Program Assistant for the Nurse Anesthesia Program and Susan Emery (emerysu@bc.edu) prior to 6 am. Excessive absences will be brought to the attention of the Program Director including absences from class.

Policy Revisions

All policies contained in the *Boston College Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Student Handbook Addendum* will be reviewed annually and as needed. Any changes to these policies will be determined by the Nurse Anesthesia Program Administration. Policy changes which may have substantive impact on the School of Nursing or the college will be brought to the Educational Policy Committee and/or the Faculty Assembly as appropriate for a vote.

Post-Anesthesia Visits

The student will visit all patients in the PACU for whom they have provided anesthesia care. In addition, they are responsible for completing a post-operative visit on any patient who is admitted to the hospital overnight.

Pre-Anesthesia Visits

The student is responsible for identifying the location of his/her patient. All in-house patients will be seen the evening prior to surgery for the purpose of performing a pre-anesthesia assessment. In the case of same day surgical admissions, the student is responsible for the information located on the pre-anesthesia assessment form completed during the pre-admission testing center visit. The student will also interview the patient in the preop holding area and note any interval changes in patient assessment. The student may also be assigned preop visits during the course of their clinical day by the clinician in charge.

Safety

1. You are an accomplished professional with a license to practice nursing. Your nursing practice is now expar2ob7papF2 125ants incdiiguETQ(li)-3(nica)Qp125ants incdiiguETQ(li)-3(nica)Qp12

****Vacation time for academic year 2024-2025 will be announced when Boston College publishes the academic and summer calendar for that year.**