

Program Design

A. Introduction

Wolford College is a dedicated 28-month, 7-semester academic and clinical educational program. The designed purpose of the program is to educate baccalaureate prepared registered nurses with at least one year of critical care experience to become a Master of Science prepared Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

The program is divided into two stages. The program is front-loaded, which means that a great majority of didactic time will be spent in the first year. Didactics are incorporated with clinical relevance during the second and third semesters. This orientation to the clinical area will present the students with basic skills and anesthesia knowledge.

During the last 16 months or Clinical phase the students will be immersed in clinical anesthesia. Didactics in the form of reading, online lectures, and testing will be ingrained throughout the clinical experience. All clinical time must be completed on a full time basis.

B. Table of Program Design

Stage	Primary Teaching Method	Semesters	Months
I. Didactic Stage			
1 st Semester	Didactic 100%	1	4
2 nd Semester	Didactic 98% Clinical 2%	1	4
3 rd Semester	Didactic 90% Clinical 10%	1	4
II. Clinical Stage			
4 th , 5 th , 6 th and 7 th Semester	Clinical 90% Didactic 10%	4	16
Total Time		7	28

C. Class Schedule

The Class (Academic Schedule) for Wolford College is a dynamic curriculum designed to educate qualified baccalaureate prepared registered nurses to become Master of Science prepared Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA).

All academic classes are posted each semester in the master schedule book located at Wolford College and the website. Students are advised to check the website frequently for changes. Attendance at all posted classes is mandatory. Students unable to attend class need to call Wolford College office prior to class. The Program Director or the Director for Academic Education may approve excused absences.