

# Why TMC School of Nurse Anesthesia?

## 1. A Tradition of Excellence

The Truman Medical Center (TMC) School of Nurse Anesthesia has a longstanding reputation for academic and clinical excellence. Year after year, our graduates are sought after by employers in the Kansas City area and beyond.

The TMC SoNA has experienced tremendous growth in both CRNA faculty and students throughout the years. However, the rich history of graduating qualified CRNAs prepared to practice in every setting continues. The school boasts a 97% 1st attempt pass rate on the national certification exam since 1993, a 100% employment rate for certified graduates, and overwhelmingly positive feedback from alumni and employers of alumni.



## 2. Supportive Environment and Small Class Size

Our small class size of 15-18 students per cohort allows our faculty members to get to know our students and creates a family-like atmosphere.

## 3. A Bright Future

Partnership with the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), School of Nursing and Health Studies, who awards graduates the prestigious Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. The comprehensive education you receive will prepare you to become a leader in the nurse anesthesia field.

UMKC School of Nursing and Health Studies has received a Top 25 National Ranking for the 5th year in a row and is in the Top Ten for [Graduate Nursing Programs of Value](#).

## 4. Affordable Education

[College Values Online](#) ranked our school the 9th most affordable nurse anesthetist program in 2015. As well, Kansas City offers a cost of living below the national average.

## 5. Dedicated Faculty

37 CRNAs instruct and mentor students in the clinical setting. Of these CRNAs, more than 40% have been providers and educators for more than a decade and 17 have Doctoral preparation.

## 6. Exceptional Clinical Experiences

Our students have the opportunity to participate in greater than 15,000 anesthesia cases at TMC each year. More than 50% of these clinical experiences occur on patients with a physical status classification of ASA III or greater. The diverse cases and challenging experiences afforded by TMC and its 11 affiliated clinical sites will prepare you to be ready for anything.

## 7. Leaders in Simulation Education

We consider simulation to be a “second classroom” outside the operating room. Each student spends over **50 hours** in our private simulation training center throughout the program. ***Our curriculum is distinct in that it has a course dedicated to simulation and anesthesia crisis management.***

## 8. Unparalleled Setting for Learning

Truman Medical Center is the ***largest and most comprehensive safety net healthcare provider in Jackson County, Missouri***. TMC is one of the busiest Level-I trauma facilities in the entire Kansas City Metropolitan area providing care to over 1,300 trauma patients each year. We are known for being a regional leader in providing the highest level of care for severely injured patients.

Our Labor and Delivery Unit is known for its high-risk patient population. Many of Kansas City's sickest babies are born here; helping to provide care to the infant's mother before and during labor is of paramount importance. Your experience here is immeasurable.



## 9. Maximum Accreditation

10-year accreditation awarded with no citations or recommendations for change in the Spring of 2015 by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA). The DNP program, in affiliation with the UMKC SoNHS, also received a 10-year maximum accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).