

## **Wolford College**

### **Admission Requirements & Frequently Asked Questions**

- A Registered Nurse with completion of a:
  - Baccalaureate degree in nursing (BSN) from an accredited nursing program
  - Baccalaureate (BS/BA) in a related science
- A completed application for Wolford College to include:
- A preferred undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- A completed application to Wolford College
- Application fee to be submitted at time of application
- Three letters of recommendation:
  - One must be from the applicant's current clinical supervisor
- Current resume
- One page Statement of Purpose as to why you are pursuing graduate education in nurse anesthesia.
- Current and unrestricted (clear/active) license as a registered nurse in one of the states, or one of the protectorates of the United States, with eligibility for Florida RN licensure, which must be obtained before assignment in the clinical area (submit copies to Wolford College).
- Official transcripts from all academic institutions attended that indicate successful completion (C or above) of:
  - Statistics course
  - Undergraduate Health Assessment course
  - Two different chemistry courses (one with laboratory component)
  - Two anatomy and physiology courses
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE), taken within 5 years of application:
  - A combined score (verbal & quantitative) with a score of 1000 preferred
  - Analytical section must be reported
  - Wolford College institution code: 5644
- An applicant who is from a country where English is not the primary language or whose bachelor degree is not from an accredited US institution, must submit a minimum:
  - TOEFL score of 550 (paper based test) or 213 (computer based test)
  - Evaluation of bachelor's degree by a recognized US evaluation service attesting to the fact that the degree is equivalent to that required for admission to the program
- Applicant with a Master's Degree will not be required to retake the GRE, however the GRE scores must be reported, if available
- Minimum of one year experience as a registered nurse in a critical care area. Experience is preferred in the areas of ICU, CCU, Trauma ICU, Neuro ICU and CVRU. Other experiences will be considered on an individual basis
- Copies of the following certifications: BLS, ACLS & PALS
- Completion of background check by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (VECHS program) after acceptance, but prior to admission.
- The Admissions Committee may consider applicants, on a space available basis, whose credentials include less than a 3.0 GPA, and who meet all other admissions criteria. Such applicants may be granted provisional acceptance. Candidates accepted for provisional acceptance must adhere to the Wolford College academic progress policy regarding provisional acceptance during the first semester or they will be dismissed.

**What types of chemistry courses will be accepted?**

The two chemistry courses can be any type of chemistry as long as one course has a lab.

**Can I transfer any graduate courses I have previously taken?**

No, Wolford College does not accept transfer credit.

**How long is the program?**

The program is 28 months long.

**I have ICU experience, but no longer work in ICU. Is this acceptable?**

You must have **current** ICU experience. If you have been out of the ICU more than two years, we will talk with you individually about your experience.

**Is the program accredited?**

Yes, the program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.

**What are the curriculum requirements?**

The curriculum is a "front-loaded" curriculum. This means that the majority of the didactic course work is taken during the first 12 months. The last 16 months are focused on gaining clinical experience. There are seminars scheduled for each of the last four semesters. However, these courses will be taught via the Internet or interactive television. The last semester contains a 3 credit hour seminar, which is designed to prepare the student to take the National Certification Exam.

**Where are the clinical sites?**

The program has clinical sites in the Naples, Davenport, and Tampa area.

**How many cases will I receive as a student nurse anesthetist?**

Accreditation standards mandate that all student graduate with a minimum of 550 cases. Students average 1100 cases at graduation.

**What types of clinical experiences will I receive?**

The Wolford College student receives all types of case types, which are needed for graduation. These include cardiac, intracranial, pediatrics, obstetrics, regional anesthesia, and invasive line insertion.

**How do I apply?**

We will have an application packet that can be accessed at [www.wolford.edu](http://www.wolford.edu). If we have your address, we will mail you a packet.

**When is the application deadline?**

Applications are accepted throughout the year and reviewed on a rolling basis until the incoming spring or fall class is full. Early application is encouraged.

**If accepted into the program does Wolford College require a deposit?**

Yes, if you are accepted into the program a non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 is required, which will be applied toward your first semester tuition.

For further questions, please call Wolford College at (239) 513-1135.