



Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Programs at SMU

Samuel Merritt University offers a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) – Anesthesia program leading to the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) certification. Samuel Merritt University doctoral degree programs in nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and SMU's DNP – Anesthesia program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA). Graduates of Samuel Merritt University's DNP – Anesthesia program are eligible to sit for the [National Certification Examination \(NCE\)](#), offered by the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA), in all US states and territories including, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, *with the exceptions noted below*. However, CRNA licenses are granted by the licensing authority in individual states and certain licensing boards may require a curriculum comparison specific to that state. Prior to enrollment, prospective students must review the information below.

The California Board of Registered Nursing is the licensing authority for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists in California. Samuel Merritt University will assist applicants and students as they determine licensure requirements in other states. Should you need assistance, please contact the program by email at crnaprogram@samuelmerritt.edu.

States/Territories for which SMU's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) – Anesthesia program MEETS the educational requirements for licensure or certification:

- All US states and territories—including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands—WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS LISTED BELOW.

States/Territories for which SMU's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) – Anesthesia program DOES NOT MEET the educational requirements for licensure or certification:

- Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands