

## Graduate Studies Committee Senate Report: Fall 2011

### Policies Passed

- There were no University Policy Changes.
- GSC revised its Bylaws which were then sent to the Senate Committee on Committees.

### Departmental Admission Additions/Revisions

Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) Admission Policies for both Entry and Advanced Specializations

- **Admission Criteria for DNAP: Entry-level Specialization** requires a Bachelor's degree, CCSU and affiliated hospital school's nurse anesthesia criteria for acceptance, cumulative GPA 3.00, satisfactory completion of specific course requirements, current licensure as RN and certification in basic life support, minimum one year critical care experience, GRE, and satisfactory interview.

All Applicants must demonstrate:

- 1) Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and satisfy both the University's and the affiliated hospital school of nurse anesthesia's criteria for acceptance. The BSN from an NLN or AACN accredited baccalaureate program in nursing or another appropriate baccalaureate degree (biology, chemistry, etc.) from a regionally accredited institution of higher education must be completed at the time of application.
  - 2) Cumulative GPA 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale (A is 4.00).
  - 3) Completed a year in chemistry (this must include inorganic *and* organic chemistry or biochemistry), a year in anatomy and physiology, and one course in microbiology. *Please note* one course in chemistry and one course in anatomy and physiology must be less than 10 years old.
  - 4) Current unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse in one of the 50 states and a current certification in basic life support (BLS).
  - 5) A minimum of one year of critical care experience at the time of application in which the applicant has had the opportunity to develop independent decision making, demonstrate psychomotor skills and the ability to use and interpret advanced monitoring, based on a knowledge of physiologic and pharmacologic principles as evidence by a letter from a supervisor.
  - 6) Graduate Record Examination
  - 7) A satisfactory interview with the admissions committee from an affiliated hospital school of nurse anesthesia, if selected as finalist.
- **Admission Criteria for DNAP: Advanced-level Specialization** requires graduation from accredited nurse anesthesia program, masters degree, cumulative GPA 3.00, current licensure as RN and certification in basic life support, certification by CRNA or Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists, GRE, and satisfactory interview.

All Applicants must demonstrate:

1. Graduation from a nurse anesthesia educational program accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA).
2. Master's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education;
3. Cumulative GPA 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale (A is 4.00).
4. Current unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse in one of the 50 states, a current certification in basic life support (BLS), and advanced practice nurse (if required by home state).
5. Either certification by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists (certified registered nurse anesthetist, CRNA); or current recertification by the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (if past initial certification period).
6. Graduate Record Examination (May be waived if applicant has demonstrated evidence of advanced scholarship, teaching, leadership, and/or ability to conduct research as evidenced by a letter from a supervisor, resume, or other documentation).
7. A satisfactory interview with the admissions committee from an affiliated hospital school of nurse anesthesia, if selected as finalist.

### Report on Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee deliberated on *GRADUATE ACADEMIC AWARDS and OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR AWARDS* and recommended two students for Outstanding Scholar and 25 students for Academic Awards:

Recommended for **Outstanding Scholars**:

- *Jennifer Lynne Bossi M.S. Physical Education & Human Performance*
- *Dorothy Skierkowski M.A. Psychology*

The following students were recommended for **Department Academic Awards**:

Name	Last	Program
Jennifer Lynne	Bossi	M.S. Physical Education
Dorothy	Skierkowski	M.A. Psychology
Luke Gerard	Boyd	M.A. Public History
Jessica Ida	Colebrook	M.S. Marriage & Family Therapy
Shawn James	Curreri	M.S. Criminal Justice
Susan	Dalo	M.S. Biological Sciences
Kathryn	Draper	M.S. Mathematics
Amanda Lynn	Dunbar Pearson	M.S. Counseling

Jamie Kathleen	Gerardi	M.S. Art Education
Robyn R.	Hall	M.A. Biological Sciences
Jonathan Michael	Hennessy	M.S. TESOL
Allison Marie	Hood	M.S. Communication
Matthew Jay	Kirshman	M.A. English
Therese A.	Lachapelle	M.S. Educational Studies
Milorad	Lazic	M.A. History
Paola Jennifer	Maina	6 <sup>th</sup> Yr-Reading & Language Arts
Ryan Michael	Nicoletti	M.S. International Studies
Allison Christine	O'Brien	M.A. Biomolecular Sciences
Raquel	Ortega	M.A. Modern Language
Michael William	Proulx	M.A. Mathematics
David Michael	Rees	M.S. Biological Science-Anesthesia
Tanya A.	Richards	M.S. Reading & Language Arts
Rajiv	Sambasivan	M.S. Data Mining
Melissa A.	Savino	M.S. Natural Sciences
Aimee C.	Yi	M.S. Special Education