

Fall SNAP Newsletter 2025

Admissions

- Admissions cycle for Class of 2029 is now opened until April 1st.
- There are more than 100 applications already started!
- Over 20 applications have been submitted!

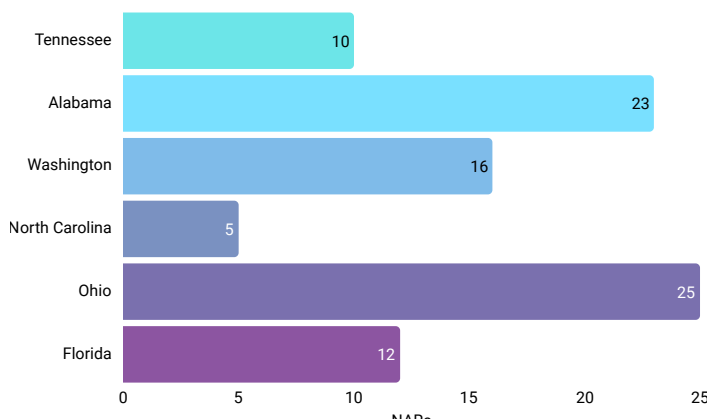
Clinical Hubs

- Announcing new clinical hub in North Carolina.
- The Class of 2026 started their clinical rotations in August.

Class of 2028-National Representation

- 3 students from Florida
- 2 students from Georgia
- 9 students from Alabama
- 1 student from Colorado
- 2 students from Texas
- 1 student from Virginia
- 1 student from California
- 5 students from Washington
- 1 student from New Jersey
- 1 student from Maryland
- 2 students from New York
- 5 students from Ohio

Clinical Hub Placement Totals



White Coat Ceremony



The SNAP White Coat Ceremony, held on November 2, 2025, marked a powerful milestone for the Class of 2027 as they officially entered the clinical phase of their nurse anesthesia education. This meaningful rite of passage symbolized each student's commitment to compassion, integrity, and excellence in patient care. The ceremony featured inspiring remarks from program leadership and a keynote address by Jan Setnor, Immediate Past President of the AANA. Family, faculty, and guests proudly celebrated as students recited their professional pledge and donned their white coats for the first time. Congratulations Class of 2027!

Fall Semester Courses

| Course Code | Course Title |
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| NR 540 | Advanced Physiology/Pathophysiology |
| NR 541 | Advanced Health Assessment |
| NR 700 a,b,c | Scientific Writing for Professional Nurses |
| NR 702 | Scientific and Theoretical Foundations for Advanced Practice Nursing |
| NR 707 | Interdisciplinary Organizational Leadership |
| NR 708 | Advanced Health Care Informatics |
| NR 800 | Capstone Project Identification/NR Residency |
| NR 802 | Project Implementation/DNP Residency |
| NAP 510 | Introduction to Nurse Anesthesia Profession |
| NAP 620 | Advanced Anatomy, Physiology & Pathophysiology I |
| NAP 623 | Advanced Principles and Clinical Management I |
| NAP 651 | Nurse Anesthesia Practicum I |
| NAP 630 | Professional Aspects of Leadership |
| NAP 661 | Advanced Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Correlation I |

Podcast



We are excited to announce the launch of **Nurse Anesthesia Education Exchange**, a new podcast series co-created and co-hosted by Dr. Stephanie Woodruff and Dr. Crystal Hunnicutt of VCU. The first episode, *Mentorship Matters*, explores the power of guidance, connection, and professional support within nurse anesthesia education. The podcast can be accessed on the SNAPCRNA website as well as on our social media platforms, with new content scheduled to be released throughout the academic year. Upcoming episodes will feature Dr. Wilson and Dr. Conner discussing SEE Score Evaluations; Dr. Hammond and Dr. Carlson from VCU highlighting the transition from Preceptor to Professor; and Dr. Caccamo offering insight on navigating nurse anesthesia faculty contracts. We invite you to listen, share, and engage as this series continues to grow and spotlight the voices shaping the future of nurse anesthesia education.

Birthdays

January: 7th (Dr. Wilson's 50th!) Ashley Reid 1/5, Dalica Tuy 1/12, Oluwaseun Akinodi 1/15, Jacob Masete 1/19, Melissa Yen 1/24, Dawn Reagan 1/15, Hannah Sexton 1/30, Mariya Verbitskaya 1/8

February: David Barger 2/5, Rima Bhakta 2/23, Richard Braun 2/22, Juan Floriano 2/17, Emma Greenwich 2/24, Julia Griffin 2/22, Valerie Griffin 2/19, Ian Pursell 2/9, Ravi Pun 2/5, Jacob Lindsey 2/21, Magdalena Larson 2/17

March: 27th (Dr. Hammond), Michael Quarshie 3/16, Ama Nimako-Boateng 3/2, Hailey Vesper 3/29, Chambre Mangiarelli 3/24, Xinyi Shi 3/2, Clay Smith 3/4

April: Kennedy Mulholland 4/4, Claire Gruenberg 4/29, Jackson Kiser 4/22, Meagan Rembert 4/15, Hanna Watson 4/6, Ingrid Martinez 4/25

May: Maria Vivas 5/6, Brandon Rhoda 5/13, Yerasimos Balikos 5/29, Dulce Madruga 5/9, Christina Papcun 5/23, Nathan Franklin 5/31, Zachary Sarcyk 5/11, Chris Kornuc 5/17

New Student Orientation Class of 2028

On November 12th, incoming students gathered for a warm and engaging orientation where they were welcomed into the Ursuline College community and introduced to both their peers and SNAP leadership. The day fostered connection and reflection—students wrote letters to their future selves to be opened on graduation day and participated in small-group activities designed to help them get to know one another. They also received an overview of important university and programmatic policies, along with a preview of the exciting experiences awaiting them as they begin their didactic education in January 2026. The event set a positive tone for their journey ahead and celebrated the start of their professional growth.

ALANA Update

The Alabama Association of Nurse Anesthetists (ALANA) President-Elect, Morgan Reeves, has announced the creation of a new committee dedicated to increasing Nurse Anesthesia Resident involvement in advancing the profession at both the state and national levels. This initiative aims to cultivate early engagement in advocacy efforts, empowering residents to contribute their voices, develop leadership skills, and actively participate in shaping the future of nurse anesthesia. Through coordinated outreach, mentorship, and educational opportunities, the committee will serve as a vital platform for residents to champion policies that support safe, high-quality anesthesia care and the continued growth of the profession.

Marketing

Our marketing efforts continue to build excitement and connection within the community! The Class of 2028 is creating a Spotify playlist that will debut during CRNA Week 2026, showcasing their favorite songs to celebrate the week in style. Our ongoing program information sessions have now reached over 500 potential applicants, helping to inspire the next generation of nurse anesthesia professionals. We've also seen increased engagement across our social media platforms, reflecting the growing enthusiasm for our program and the CRNA profession. Stay tuned for more details on how we'll be celebrating CRNA Week 2026—we have some exciting plans in the works!

Simulation Immersion I- Class of 2027



Simulation I Immersion Week was an engaging and high-impact experience filled with hands-on learning, collaboration, and professional growth. The week provided residents the opportunity to transition from the classroom into experiential application — practicing technical skills while developing confidence in communication, clinical reasoning, and safe patient care.

Throughout the week, residents rotated through a variety of stations and scenarios designed to strengthen foundational anesthesia skills, including:

- Bag-mask ventilation & airway positioning
- Introduction to LMA and intubation equipment
- Medication calculation, labeling, and safety standards
- OR equipment setup and Anesthesia gas machine
- Induction Sweep with Dr. Hammond
- A-line Insertion
- Preoperative Assessment and PACU Handoff
- Positioning



The week was not only educational — it was fun, energizing, and team-building. Residents cheered each other on, problem-solved shoulder-to-shoulder, and celebrated each success. Watching confidence build each day was a highlight for faculty and a strong indicator of the cohort's potential.

This group demonstrated curiosity, grit, and professionalism — and we are incredibly proud of the trajectory you are starting on. Your growth this week sets the tone for the journey ahead, and we look forward to watching you continue to evolve as future CRNAs.

SNAP Information Sessions

- December 16th, 1830 EST
- January 20th, 1600 EST
- February 17th, 1600 EST
- March 24th, 1600 EST



Shout Outs

A huge shout-out to Dr. Richard Wilson for his continued leadership, clinical expertise, and scholarly contribution to our profession. Most recently, Dr. Wilson co-authored the AANA Journal article *Inhaled Milrinone in Weaning From Cardiopulmonary Bypass: A Case Study*, alongside Daniel King and Corie Morton — an important addition to the growing body of evidence supporting innovative cardiovascular management strategies in anesthesia. We are proud to have you representing SNAP at the national level!

Dr. Wilson will be featured at multiple AANA events in 2026:

AANA EDGE – February 2026, Louisville, KY
Co-presenting "Addressing Clinical Preceptor Incivility Toward Nurse Anesthesia Residents" with Dr. Melissa Eisenhauer and Dr. Matthew Harmon.

Solo session: "Smart Study, Smart Results: Multimodal Techniques for Exam Excellence."

AANA Annual Congress – August 2026, Boston, MA
Solo presentation: "Fine-Tuning the Breath: Strategies for Smarter Ventilation During Surgery."

Ingrid Marinez (NAR2), Devan Ellis (NAR1), and Davaion Robinson-Marrufo (NAR1) met at the TXANA Conference

Kelly Claridge (NAR2) got engaged! Congratulations!

Upcoming Dates



- UC 1st day of Classes: January 8th
- Martin Luther King Day: January 19th (no classes)
- National CRNA Week: January 18th to 24th
- AANA EDGE: February 4th to 7th (Louisville, KY)
- UC Spring Break: March 9th through 14th (no classes)
- OSANA: March 20th to 22nd (Columbus, OH)
- UC Easter Break: April 2nd through 4th (no classes)
- ALANA: April 10th to 12th (Sandestin, FL)
- AANA Mid-Year Assembly: April 24th to 29th (Washington, D.C.)
- UC Last Day of Classes: May 4th
- UC Summer Semester Begins: May 7th

A Note from Dr. Caccamo

As we enter the holiday season, I want to extend my warmest wishes to our students, faculty, and clinical partners. May this time of year bring you moments of rest, gratitude, and connection as we pause to celebrate all that you've accomplished together. As you enjoy this season, continue to work hard, study with purpose, and persevere through the challenges ahead—your dedication does not go unnoticed. We are incredibly proud of each of you and confident to be part of your journey. May the new year bring renewed energy, confidence, and continued success.