

**Astate Nurse Anesthesia Program  
Clinical and Didactic Experiences**

The nurse anesthesia curriculum is an integrated model with classroom and clinical learning occurring throughout the 28 months. During the first semester (spring) students spend all of their time on campus in Jonesboro completing coursework and lab experiences designed to prepare them for entry into clinical practice. Short term lease options in Jonesboro are available to Astate students for the first semester of concentrated didactic studies.

During the last week in April, students move to closer to their clinical site/geographical area. Students start clinical in May on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, with classes in Jonesboro on Thursdays and Fridays. Students attend classes on Thursdays and Fridays throughout the summer and fall semesters. Students begin taking ‘call’ in August of the first year, which continues throughout the remainder of the program.

In spring semester of the second year, students are in clinical 4 days a week, Mondays through Thursdays, with classes (in Jonesboro) every other Friday. Starting with the summer semester in the second year (which also marks the last 12 months of the program), students continue clinical 4 days a week, but switch to attending clinical on Tuesdays through Fridays. Students come to Jonesboro two times (on Monday) each semester for a day of intensive coursework (total of 2 days during each semester).

The nurse anesthesia program maintains a number of clinical sites in 3 geographical areas for student learning experiences. Table 1 below outlines the clinical sites available within the geographical areas.

<b>Geographical Area</b>	<b>Facility</b>	<b>Physical Location</b>
Jonesboro	St. Bernard’s Medical Center & Out-patient Surgery Center	Jonesboro, AR
	NEA Baptist Medical Center	Jonesboro, AR
	Arkansas Methodist Medical Center	Paragould, AR
Central Arkansas	Baptist Health Medical Center	Little Rock, AR
	Conway Regional Health System	Conway, AR
	Jefferson Regional Medical Center	Pine Bluff, AR
	Little Rock Surgical Center	Little Rock, AR
	Mercy Hospital	Hot Springs, AR
	National Park Medical Center	Hot Springs, AR
	Ortho Arkansas Surgery	Benton, AR
	Saline Memorial Hospital	Benton, AR
	White County Medical Center	Searcy, AR
Memphis	Arkansas Children’s Hospital	Little Rock, AR
	Baptist Memorial Hospital – Desoto	Southaven, MS
	Baptist Memorial Hospital – Collierville	Memphis, TN
	Baptist Memorial Hospital – Memphis	Memphis, TN
	Baptist Memorial Hospital – Union County	New Albany, MS
	Crittenden Memorial Hospital	West Memphis, AR
	Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital	Memphis, AR

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	The MED Shelby County Health Center	Memphis, AR
	St. Francis – Bartlett	Bartlett, TN
	St. Francis – Memphis	Memphis, TN
	St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital	Memphis, TN
	Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center	Memphis, TN

All Memphis area students are assigned to Baptist Memorial Hospital – Memphis as well as two (2) months at Methodist Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital. Other facility rotations are assigned according to individual student learning needs as well as program resources.

Jonesboro area students are assigned to St. Bernard’s Medical Center or NEA Baptist Medical Center (Jonesboro) and Arkansas Methodist Medical Center (Paragould, AR). Students at NEA Baptist also rotate for two (2) months to Methodist Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital (Memphis, TN).

Central Arkansas area students are assigned 1 of the following 4 rotational plans:

1. Baptist Health Medical Center
2. Conway Regional Health System (Conway, AR) and Jefferson Regional Medical Center (Pine Bluff, AR), as well as 1-2 months at Arkansas Children’s Hospital (Little Rock, AR)
3. Mercy Hospital and National Park Medical Center, both in Hot Springs, AR, and Saline Memorial Hospital and Ortho Arkansas Surgery, in Benton, AR, as well as 1-2 months at Arkansas Children’s Hospital (Little Rock, AR)
4. White County Medical Center (Searcy, AR) and 1-2 month outside rotation for neuro and cardiac rotation.

Since all clinical sites are located in compact nursing license states, students only need 1 registered nursing license from their state of residence during the program.

Students’ clinical area assignments are determined shortly after the start of school in January through a process called “Match Day.” On Match Day, students and clinical faculty meet, interview and rank each other. The rankings are used by the program to finalize student clinical area assignments.

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