NSU’s Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ANESTHESIA

Fort Lauderdale

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Anesthesiologist assistant students share their skills with children in the Philippines.
THE NSU EDGE

• low student-to-faculty ratio
• advanced patient simulation technology
• extensive resources
• clinical experience
• opportunities to aid urban and rural underserved populations
• interprofessional service-learning
• faculty and staff members who care about your success
• commitment to developing students of academic and clinical distinction
• track record for cultivating patient-focused leaders

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Nova Southeastern University’s Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences provides the highest quality of education to students in a variety of health care disciplines, including occupational, physical, and respiratory therapy; physician assistant; audiology; medical and cardiovascular sonography; anesthesiologist assistant; speech-language pathology; athletic training; exercise and sport science; and health sciences. We offer entry-level programs to advanced health care studies that allow professionals to continue with their lifelong learning. The cutting-edge curricula offered in our programs will help our students gain future success in their fields.

The college is committed to providing health care educational opportunities in formats that meet the needs of prospective students in the community. These formats include both the standard, face-to-face classroom approach and innovative distance electronics. By combining the most contemporary teaching modalities with state-of-the-art technology, our students are assured of obtaining the most comprehensive education possible.

The Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences believes in excellence and innovation in teaching, research, service, and learning. This is made possible by having an academically skilled and professionally qualified faculty and staff. We have diverse faculty members. They come from different backgrounds, have different degrees, and possess a wide range of educational experiences. Our faculty members are eager to share their knowledge and expertise in the health care arena with their students. We also have an open-door policy that encourages students to seek answers to their questions, allowing them to develop a solid understanding of the materials that they study.

All these opportunities make the Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences truly unique. The health care market is undergoing a rapid change. The pace of this change has provided a formidable challenge for institutions that provide the educational programs for future health care professionals. We are proud of the fact that we are training our students to become skilled and compassionate health care providers who are certain to make valuable contributions to the communities they serve. If you wish to become a graduate who is adequately prepared to assume a leadership role in health care, I encourage you to apply to our programs.

Stanley Wilson, Ed.D., PT, CEAS
Dean, Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences
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—Stanley Wilson
Certified anesthesiologist assistants (CAAs), also known as anesthetists, are highly educated and skilled allied health professionals. They

- work under the supervision of physician anesthesiologists
- develop and implement anesthesia care plans
- possess a premedical background and a baccalaureate degree and complete a comprehensive didactic and clinical program at the graduate school level
- are trained extensively in the delivery and maintenance of quality anesthesia care, as well as advanced patient monitoring techniques
PURPOSE
The mission of the anesthesiologist assistant (AA) program is to prepare students for lifelong learning and leadership roles that will benefit the health care community. The educational process will be committed to training and educating competent anesthesi- tists who will embrace the anesthesia care team to provide safe, quality, and compassionate anesthesia care for all degrees of illness for the surgical patient.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES
The Master of Science in Anesthesia program is dedicated to developing a well-rounded practicing CAA. Faculty members and current students are dedicated to the following objectives:

• to prepare competent, entry-level anesthesiologist assistants in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains

• to develop vigilant, knowledgeable, skilled, and compassionate anesthesia care providers who are capable of functioning within the anesthesia care team model in the delivery of all perioperative anesthesia services

• to inspire and prepare the future leaders in our profession for service in local, state, and national organizations that shall advance the utilization and practice of CAAs

• to advance anesthesiologist assistant education through the application of state-of-the-art technology and evidence-based learning practices that continue to support our student learning objectives

• to develop highly skilled, interdisciplinary, and culturally sensitive faculty members and students who model professionalism and exemplify ethical practice, effective communication, and organizational leadership

• to support the mission and goals of NSU, including our department, college, and division, in the provision of scholarship, service, teaching, and patient care
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Master of Science (M.S.) in Anesthesia program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health and Education Programs (CAAHEP). The 27-month program consists of an intensive academic and didactic program that will prepare the student to function within the anesthesia care team. The extensive clinical training experience provided consists of a minimum of 2,000 clinical hours that encompass all aspects of anesthesia care for the surgical patient.

Students are trained in state-of-the-art facilities. These include two of the largest, fully functional operating rooms, as well as a mock postoperative and intensive care unit. A technologically advanced classrooms, a library, student lounge, and study center area complete the facilities.

Did You Know?

NSU’s M.S. in Anesthesia programs are the only ones in the country to have four high-fidelity anesthesia simulators (two adult, one pediatric, and one baby).

The first year (semesters 1, 2, 3, and 4) presents an in-depth course of study in the fundamentals of anesthesia through interaction with highly qualified faculty members and the latest available anesthesia technology.

Clinical experience begins in the first year. The didactic curriculum, complemented by simulation learning, will provide the student with the necessary skills to meet the clinical objectives of the curriculum.

The senior year (semesters 5, 6, and 7) consists of clinical rotations assigned in intervals ranging from two weeks to two months. Clinical rotations include days, evenings, nights, weekends, and on-call, depending upon the rotation.

Clinical rotations are full time and involve all anesthesia subspecialties, including:

- general surgery
- pediatrics
- obstetrics and gynecology
- otolaryngology
- orthopedics
- neurosurgery
- ophthalmology
- genitourinary surgery
- vascular surgery
- cardiac surgery
- thoracic surgery
- transplantation
- trauma

Due to the highly integrated curriculum, admitted students are required to complete the entire course of study. No advanced placement, transfer of credit, or credit for experiential learning will be granted. All students are discouraged from gaining employment at any time while in the program.

Did You Know?

NSU’s M.S. in Anesthesia programs prepare students for the national certification exam administered under the authority of the National Commission for the Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants.
What is the typical job description for a Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant (CAA)?
A CAA is a highly skilled professional who practices as an extension of the licensed anesthesiologist (specialist physician) exclusively within the anesthesia care team environment. The tasks that CAAs perform promote patient safety and ensure optimal health outcomes. In addition to operating anesthesia equipment, monitoring patients, and providing quality anesthesia care, CAAs are also trained to assist in life-saving measures.

Did You Know?
Specific job descriptions and duties of CAAs may differ according to geographic area and local practice. State law or board of medicine regulations or guidelines may further define CAA job descriptions.

What duties are performed by a CAA?
Under the direction of a qualified anesthesiologist, CAA functions include, but are not limited to,

- obtaining an appropriate and accurate preanesthetic health history
- performing an appropriate physical examination
- recording pertinent data in an organized and legible manner
- conducting diagnostic laboratory and related studies as appropriate (such as drawing arterial and venous blood samples)
- performing and monitoring regional anesthesia including (but not limited to)
  - spinal
  - epidural
  - IV regional
  - other special techniques, such as local infiltration and nerve blocks
- performing the insertion of invasive monitoring modalities for
  - arterial lines
  - pulmonary artery catheterization
  - central venous lines, as delegated by the supervising anesthesiologist
- administering anesthetic agents and any controlled substances under the medical direction of a supervising anesthesiologist including (but not limited to)
  - administration of induction agents
  - maintainence and alteration of anesthesia levels
  - administration of adjunctive treatment
  - provision of continuity of anesthetic care into and during the postoperative recovery period
- establishing airway interventions and perform ventilatory support
- applying and interpret advanced monitoring techniques
- using advanced life support techniques such as high-frequency ventilation and intra-arterial cardiovascular assist devices
- making post-anesthesia patient rounds by recording patient progress notes, compiling and recording case summaries, and transcribing standing and specific orders
- evaluating and treat life-threatening situations, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, based on established protocols (BLS, ACLS, and PALS)
• performing duties in intensive care units, pain clinics, and other settings, as appropriate
• training and supervising personnel in the calibration, troubleshooting, and use of patient monitors
• performing administrative duties in an anesthesiology practice or anesthesiology department, such as
  • patient record management
  • procedure coding and billing
  • management of personnel
• participating in the clinical instruction of others

What is the accrediting body for an AA course of study?
The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredits AA training programs.

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158
Clearwater, Florida 33763
Phone: (727) 210-2350
Fax: (727) 210-2354
Website: caahep.org

What is the certification process for a CAA?
Graduates or senior students in an anesthesiologist assistant (AA) educational program that has been accredited by CAAHEP may apply for initial certification. Initial certification is awarded to an AA who has successfully completed the Certifying Examination for Anesthesiologist Assistants administered by the NCCAA in collaboration with the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME). Certified AAs are permitted to use the designation “CAA” to indicate that they are currently certified.

Did You Know?
The National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants (NCCAA), founded in July 1989, develops and administers the certification process for AAs in the U.S.

Does a CAA have to Recertify?
Yes. In order to maintain certification after passing the initial examination, CAAs must submit documentation to the NCCAA that they have completed 40 hours of continuing medical education every two years. In addition, every six years, they must pass the Examination for Continued Demonstration of Qualifications.

Where Would a CAA Practice?
The use of CAAs within the anesthesia care team across the country is a dynamic and evolving process.

✔ TIP

For the latest and most accurate information about the range of practice opportunities, please contact your state board of medicine or the American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants.
## CURRICULUM OUTLINE

### CHART YOUR COURSE FOR SUCCESS!

**Start Date:** May  
**Length:** 27 Months  
**Degree:** Master of Science in Anesthesia  
**Total Credit Hours:** 114  
**Minimum Clinical Hours:** 2,000  
**Note:** All courses with the MHS prefix will be taken online.

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*Basic Life Support Certification and Advanced Cardiac Lifesaving will be obtained during this semester.*

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Minimum clinical experience is 150 hours.
Summer—Semester IV (May–August)

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Minimum clinical experience is 144 hours.
Pediatric Advanced Cardiac Lifesaving will be obtained during this semester.

Clinical Year, Fall—Semester V (September–December)

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Minimum clinical experience is 675 hours.

Clinical Year, Winter—Semester VI (January–May)

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Minimum clinical experience is 675 hours.

Clinical Year, Summer—Semester VII (June–August)

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Minimum clinical experience is 356 hours.

Curriculum is subject to change by the department.
The Master of Science in Anesthesia curriculum includes some coursework (5 credits) designed to be completed in a distance-learning format. These courses complement student learning through interactive activities taught by our experienced faculty.

Students in the program are provided with NSU computer accounts that include email. Students must obtain their own Internet service providers (ISP), use their own computer systems (PC or Apple Macintosh), and purchase a smartphone. New students receive an orientation and extensive online technical support dealing with online access, online tools and methods, and library resources.

The online medical database collection at NSU is extensive and includes access to quality subscription services that are free for students.

**Computer Requirements**

All students are required to have a computer with the following minimum specifications:

- 2 GB RAM
- video and monitor capable of 1024 X 768 resolution or better
- sound card and speakers
- high-speed Internet connection with Internet service provider
- Windows 7 or equivalent MAC OS minimum
- Microsoft Office 2000 or newer with PowerPoint, Word, and Excel minimum
- printer capability
- Android or iPhone smartphone (for use with electronic evaluations)
Prospective anesthesiologist assistant students are selected by the Committee on Admissions (COA), which considers the overall qualities of the applicant.

Areas of consideration include
- interpersonal skills
- personal motivation
- knowledge and understanding of the AA profession and the anesthesia care team
- academic performance and level of achievement
- life experiences
- recommendations

Personal interviews are offered to the most qualified applicants to assess interpersonal and communication skills, altruistic attitude, maturity, and commitment to the AA profession and anesthesia care team model.

Applicants must submit the following directly to CASAA:

1. evidence of a baccalaureate degree from a nationally recognized and regionally accredited college or university, including above-average performance in courses required in a premed curriculum (refer to required courses below)

**Required Courses**

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**Preferred Courses—Not Required**

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<td>Organic chemistry</td>
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<td>Microbiology*</td>
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<td>Cellular and molecular biology*</td>
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* An advanced course in microbiology or cellular and molecular biology is preferred and would meet one semester of the general biology requirement. 1 semester = 1.5 quarters

**Did You Know?**

A 2.0 (C) or better is required in all prerequisite classes.
2. all official transcripts from all undergraduate, graduate, and professional institutions attended (sent directly from the institution)

3. evidence of a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 grading scale—minimum GPA of 3.25 preferred

4. official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) scores

5. three letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant’s prior academic performance, potential, character, work habits, and suitability for graduate study leading into a career in clinical practice

   (Recommendations from personal health care providers, family, or personal family friends are not acceptable.)

6. documented anesthesia exposure—by observation in the operating room—of at least eight hours

7. summary of an article published in a current anesthesia journal

8. demonstrated evidence of computer skills, through coursework or self-study, prior to the end of the first semester (instruction may be obtained through NSU Student Microcomputer Laboratory or other training facilities)

The applicant who has graduated from a college or university of a country for which English is not the primary language, regardless of United States’ residency status, must take the computerized Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). An official set of scores must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey, to NSU’s EPS.

**STUDENT HOUSING**

Numerous apartments, condominiums, and other rental facilities are located near campus. Information concerning housing may be obtained by contacting

  **Nova Southeastern University**
  Office of Residential Life and Housing
  3301 College Avenue
  Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314-7796
  (954) 262-7052
APPLICATION PROCEDURES

STEPS SUMMARY
1. Apply to CASAA
2. Send supporting documents to CASAA
   • all official transcripts
   • three letters of recommendation
   • résumé
   • official GRE or MCAT scores
   • anesthesia exposure form
   • anesthesia literature summary
3. Submit a nonrefundable, $50 application fee with your supplemental application
4. Participate in a personal interview, if offered

DETAILS
The CASAA application must be submitted before February 15 of the year prior to the matriculation.

1. Apply to CASAA. Nova Southeastern University participates in the Centralized Application Service for Anesthesiologist Assistants (CASAA) for the receipt and processing of all applications. CASAA takes no part in the selection of students. CASAA application packets may be obtained and submitted online at casaa.liaisoncas.com.

2. Send supporting documents directly to CASAA.
   a. All official college transcripts from all undergraduate, graduate, and professional institutions attended must be sent to CASAA directly from the institutions. Coursework taken at foreign institutions must be evaluated for U.S. institution equivalence by an approved National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) organization, such as one of the services listed.

   World Education Services, Inc.  
   Bowling Green Station  
   P.O. Box 5087  
   New York, New York 10274-5087  
   (212) 966-6311 • wes.org

   Educational Credential Evaluators  
   P.O. Box 514070  
   Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470  
   (414) 289-3400 • ece.org

   Josef Silny & Associates, Inc.,  
   International Education Consultants  
   7101 SW 102 Avenue  
   Miami, Florida 33173  
   (305) 273-1616 • (305) 273-1338 fax info@jsilny.org • jsilny.org

It is the applicant’s responsibility to have this coursework evaluated. An official course-by-course evaluation with a cumulative grade point average must be sent directly from the evaluation service to CASAA and NSU’s Enrollment Processing Services (EPS).
APPLICATION PROCEDURES, continued

b. Send three evaluation forms from supervisors or colleagues, clinical or nonclinical.
c. Send official GRE or MCAT score. The NSU GRE code number is 7154.
   • Official GRE or MCAT scores must be submitted directly to CASAA.
   • Scores must be less than five years old.
   • Scores must be received by the CASAA application deadline.
d. Send your résumé or curricula vitae and copies of your national and professional
certifications or licenses from a recognized certifying body (if applicable).
e. Submit a summary of an article published in a current anesthesia journal.
f. Supply evidence of a minimum of eight hours of documented anesthesia exposure.

✔ TIP

Be certain to take the GRE or MCAT early enough for official scores to be received
by the CASAA deadline of February 15.

3. Complete an NSU supplemental application. Once the CASAA application has been
received, the NSU supplemental application will be available online. Completed NSU ap-
lications without a completed and verified CASAA application will not be considered.

4. Submit a nonrefundable application fee of $50.

Did You Know?
The CASAA application process runs from June 1 to February 15 of the matriculation year.
The NSU supplemental application deadline is March 15 of the matriculation year. All
applicants must apply through CASAA prior to completing the NSU application.

After NSU receives the verified CASAA application, the supplemental application, the
$50 fee, and official GRE or MCAT scores, the applicant’s application will be reviewed.
The Committee on Admissions will not consider an application until all required fees,
credentials, and evaluations have been received by NSU.

PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE

Students are provisionally admitted to a degree-seeking program based on a review of unofficial
transcripts or other specific program admission requirements. However, this admission includes
a condition that final and official transcripts, documents, and requirements must be received
within 90 calendar days from matriculation. If these final and official transcripts, documents, and/or
requirements are not received by that time, the student will not be allowed to continue class
attendance. Financial aid will not be disbursed to a provisional/conditional student until he or she
has been fully admitted as a regular student (all admissions requirements have been approved by
the college/program admissions office). Students who have an unpaid balance 30 days from the
start of the term will be assessed a $100 late fee.
PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Personal interviews are by invitation only and are an integral part of the admissions process. Not all applicants will be granted an interview by the program, and an interview is not a guarantee of admission. The program processes applications on a “rolling” or periodic basis. It is in the best interest of prospective students to complete their applications early because of the limited number of positions in the class.

CURRENT COLLEGE COURSEWORK

All prerequisite coursework must be completed by the start of class to be considered for admission. If, at the time of the application, coursework is in progress or anticipated, please identify these courses on the supplemental application.

TRANSCRIPTS

All applicants who are accepted must submit official transcripts of all completed coursework to the NSU Enrollment Processing Services prior to matriculation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that arrangements are made for these transcripts to be sent to

Nova Southeastern University
Enrollment Processing Services
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ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

With an emphasis on leadership and professional development, and to maximize the governmental and political understanding of the AA profession, students in the Master of Science in Anesthesia Program at NSU will be required to obtain student membership with the following organizations:

- American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants (AAAA)
- American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA)
- Florida Society of Anesthesiologists (FSA)
- Florida Academy of Anesthesiologists Assistants (FAAA)

Participation via attendance at the annual conferences for the organizations listed above is highly encouraged.

- For information on a career as a certified anesthesiologist assistant, contact
  American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants
  1231 Collier Road, NW, Suite J
  Atlanta, Georgia 30318
  Phone: (678) 222-4221
  Fax: (404) 249-8831
  Email: info@anesthetist.org
  Website: anesthetist.org

- For information on the certification process for certified anesthesiologist assistants, contact
  National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants
  100 Cynthiana Street
  Williamstown, Kentucky 41097
  Phone: (859) 903-0089
  Email: business.office@aa-nccaa.org
  Website: nccaa.org

- For accreditation information, contact
  Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
  25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158
  Clearwater, Florida 33763
  Phone: (727) 210-2350
  Fax: (727) 210-2354

- For information about the anesthesia care team, contact
  American Society of Anesthesiologists
  520 N. Northwest Highway
  Park Ridge, Illinois 60068-2573
  Website: asahq.org

  and/or

  Florida Society of Anesthesiologists
  701 Brickell Avenue, Suite 1550
  Miami, Florida 33131
  Phone: (786) 300-3183
  Fax: (310) 437-0585
  Email: executiveoffice@fsahq.org
  Website: fsahq.org/

- For information about the NSU AA program or to request an AA admissions application packet, please contact the NSU admissions office.
  Nova Southeastern University
  Health Professions Division
  Master of Science in Anesthesia
  3200 South University Drive
  Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33328-2018
  Phone: (954) 262-1101
  Toll Free: 800-356-0026, ext. 21101
  Website: healthsciences.nova.edu
  /healthsciences/anesthesia

Disclaimer: Links to non-NSU sites are provided for your convenience and do not constitute an endorsement.
Tuition and Fees

Tuition for 2020–2021 will be posted on our website (nova.edu/chcs/healthsciences/anesthesia).

A Health Professions Division general access fee of $145 is required each year. An NSU student services fee of $1,500 is also required annually. In addition, a clinical support fee of $475 will be assessed in each of the five semesters of clinical training. All tuition and fees are subject to change by the board of trustees without notice.

1. Acceptance Fee—$500. This fee is required to reserve the accepted applicant’s place in the entering first-year class, but is not refundable in the event of a withdrawal. It is payable within two weeks of an applicant’s acceptance.

2. Deposit—$250. This is due February 15, under the same terms as the Acceptance Fee.

3. Preregistration Fee—$250. This is due April 15, under the same terms as the Acceptance Fee.

The first semester’s tuition and fees, less the $1,000 previously paid, are due on or before registration day. Tuition for each subsequent semester is due on or before the appropriate registration day. Students will not be admitted until their financial obligations have been met. The financial ability of applicants to complete their training at the college is important because of the limited number of positions available in each class. Applicants should have specific plans for financing 27 months of professional education. This should include tuition, living expenses, books, equipment, and miscellaneous expenses.

Each student is required to carry adequate personal medical and hospital insurance. Students may avail themselves of the hospitalization insurance plan obtainable through the university.
EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL AID

Students should anticipate spending approximately $25,000 per year for living expenses. In addition, students should anticipate spending $5,000 for books and equipment during the 27-month program. If a student participates in clinical rotations outside the South Florida area, the student may incur additional housing and other living expenses.

The primary financial responsibility for a student’s education rests with the student and his or her family. Economic circumstances for some families may make it necessary for the student to obtain assistance from other sources.

The purpose of the Student Financial Assistance Program at NSU is to help as many qualified students as possible to complete their health professions education. Various loans, scholarships, and grants are available to qualified students to help ease the high cost of a health professions education. These financial assistance programs are described in a variety of separate university publications.

For information, contact
Nova Southeastern University
Office of Student Financial Assistance
3301 College Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314-7796
(954) 262-3380
800-806-3680

✔ TIP

A limited number of part-time work assignments are available. However, due to the demands of the program curriculum, the program strongly discourages any outside employment.
Welcome to Fort Lauderdale, the “Venice of America.”

Situated on Florida’s southeast coast, this region boasts an enviable quality of life with year-round sunshine, a unique cultural heritage, and a diverse business climate. Encompassing more than 33 square miles, Fort Lauderdale is the largest of Broward County’s 30 municipalities and the seventh largest city in Florida.

An advantageous economic climate is helping the city of Fort Lauderdale establish itself as a world-class international business center and one of the most desirable locations for new, expanding, or relocating businesses. Once known strictly as a tourism-based economy, Fort Lauderdale now supports a diverse range of industries, including marine, manufacturing, finance, insurance, real estate, high technology, avionics/aerospace, and film and television production.

The city also offers an outstanding quality of life that is highlighted by a semi-tropical climate; rich, natural beauty; and an array of cultural, entertainment, and educational amenities.

Through the cooperative efforts of residents, businesses, and local government, Fort Lauderdale has evolved into a city that offers the best of both worlds—an attractive business environment and premier opportunities for recreation and relaxation. This area is a great place to live, work, go to school, and raise a family, and Fort Lauderdale plans to continue building upon its successes to meet the challenges of the 21st century and beyond.
Nova Southeastern University | FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

- 77° Fahrenheit Average Temperature
- 3,000 HOURS OF SUNSHINE PER YEAR

**ACTIVITIES**

- 300+ SPORTS VENUES
  - Home of the Florida Panthers
  - Miami Dolphins
  - Miami Marlins

**ATTRACTIONS**

NSU ART MUSEUM
FORT LAUDERDALE

- BROWARD CENTER for the PERFORMING ARTS
- BB&T CENTER
- SONY BROS TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROS
- LAS OLAS
- GULFSTREAM
- RIVERWALK FORT LAUDERDALE
- MUSEUM OF ORANGE COUNTY
- INTERNATIONAL DRIVING HALL OF FAME
MESSAGE FROM THE HPD CHANCELLOR

NSU’s Health Professions Division (HPD) is playing a pivotal role in leading the university to new levels of excellence. The division comprises eight distinctive colleges—osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, optometry, medical sciences, dental medicine, health care sciences, nursing, and allopathic medicine—that offer more than 60 degree and certificate programs.

We have seen the university reach many milestones recently. In September 2017, NSU received the largest philanthropic gift in its history from physicians Dr. Kiran C. Patel, M.D., and his wife, Dr. Pallavi Patel, M.D., which included a $50-million gift and an additional $150-million real estate and facility investment in Clearwater, Florida.

Then, in January 2018, the Patels provided additional gifts totaling close to $30 million, while a substantial contribution from longtime donors Ron and Kathy Assaf led to the college of nursing being named in their honor. The altruistic trend continued in February 2018, when an important gift from Martin and Gail Press resulted in the naming of the HPD Library.

In October 2017, our allopathic medicine (M.D.) college received preliminary accreditation. As a result, the college gained approval to begin interviewing and accepting its inaugural class of 50 students in August 2018. Finally, construction commenced on the HCA East Florida hospital that will be located adjacent to the HPD complex on NSU’s Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus.

These exciting developments will ensure that our students receive a well-rounded education at an academic institution that prides itself on being dynamic, innovative, and interprofessional in its academic approach.

Frederick R. Lippman, R.Ph., Ed.D.
HPD Chancellor, Special Projects
Nova Southeastern University’s Health Professions Division (HPD), with a student body of more than 8,000, is home to eight colleges. Located on the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus, it occupies a $70-million complex, covering 21 acres. HPD includes eight buildings totaling more than 900,000 square feet of space for classrooms, laboratories, offices, the Martin and Gail Press Health Professions Division Library, an outpatient health center, and a pharmaceutical care center. Several of the HPD programs are also located at our regional campuses, extending our programs and resources to various communities. They offer you the ability to complete a degree at a location that may be more convenient to your home.
HEALTH PROFESSION DIVISION COMPLEX AND CENTER FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH (see next page for location on campus)

1 TERRY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
First Floor
• Admissions
• Student Financial Aid
• One-Stop Shop
• HPD Cafeteria

Second Floor
• Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences
  - Audiology Department
  - Health Sciences Department
  - Occupational Therapy Department
  - Physical Therapy Department
  - Physician Assistant Department

Third Floor
• College of Medical Sciences
• College of Pharmacy

Fourth Floor
• Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine
• College of Optometry

Fifth Floor
• HPD Administration
• Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine
• Public Health Program
• Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing
• Area Health Education Center

2 ASSEMBLY BUILDING
• Finkelstein Auditorium (125 seats)
• Jonas Auditorium (125 seats)
• Melnick Auditorium (125 seats)
• Resnick Auditorium (125 seats)
• Terry Auditorium (125 seats)
• Auditoria A, B, and C (125 seats each)
• Robert A. Steele Auditorium (500 seats)
• Hull Auditorium (250 seats)
• Seminar Rooms

3 LIBRARY/LABORATORY BUILDING
First Floor
• ACORN SEED
• Medication Therapy Management

• “Harvey” Cardiac Patient Simulation Room
• Martin and Gail Press Health Professions Division Library
• Student Computer Laboratory
• Patient Simulation Center

Second Floor
• Occupational Therapy Laboratories
• Optometry Laboratories
• Physical Therapy Laboratory
• Student Lounge
• FOMA Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Laboratory

Third Floor
• Basic Science Laboratories
• Gross Anatomy Laboratories
• Microscopy Laboratory
• Research Laboratories
• Moran Pharmacy Practice Laboratory
• Pharmacokinetics Laboratory
• Pharmaceutics Laboratory

4 PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL CARE CENTER

5 SANFORD L. ZIFF HEALTH CARE CENTER
First Floor
• Audiology
• Family Medicine
• Geriatric Medicine
• Internal Medicine
• Pediatrics
• Pediatric Physical Therapy
• Student Medical Center

Second Floor
• Optometry Clinics
• Optometry Dispensary

Third Floor
• Business Offices
• Employee Wellness Center
• OB-GYN
• Osteopathic Medicine Treatment Center

6 DENTAL MEDICINE BUILDING
First Floor
• Dental Urgent Care Clinic
• Radiology Clinic
• Student Dental Clinic
• Clinic Support Laboratory
• Predoctoral and Postgrad. Oral Surgery

Second Floor
• Faculty Practice
• Simulation Lab
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)
- Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics (M.S.)
- Master of Science in Disaster and Emergency Management (M.S.)
- Master of Science in Medical Education (M.S.)
- Master of Science in Nutrition (M.S.)
- Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Science in Public Health (B.S.)
- Graduate Certificate in Emergency Medicine
- Graduate Certificate in Functional Nutrition and Herbal Therapy
- Graduate Certificate in Health Education
- Graduate Certificate in Medical Informatics
- Graduate Certificate in Public Health
- Graduate Certificate in Public Health Informatics
- Graduate Certificate in Social Medicine

College of Pharmacy

- Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Affairs (M.S.)
- Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (M.S.)
  - Concentration in Drug Development (Pharmaceutics)
  - Concentration in Molecular Medicine and Pharmacogenomics
  - Concentration in Social and Administrative Pharmacy
- Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Sciences (Ph.D.)
  - Concentration in Drug Development (Pharmaceutics)
  - Concentration in Molecular Medicine and Pharmacogenomics
  - Concentration in Social and Administrative Pharmacy

College of Optometry

- Doctor of Optometry (O.D.)
- Master of Science in Clinical Vision Research (M.S.)
- Graduate Certificate in Clinical Vision Research

Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences

- Bachelor of Science—Cardiovascular Sonography (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Health Science (B.H.Sc.)
- Bachelor of Science—Medical Sonography (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language and Communication Disorders (B.S.)
- Master of Science in Anesthesia (M.S.)
- Master of Science in Athletic Training (M.S.A.T.)
- Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
- Master of Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.)
- Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant (M.M.S.)
- Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (M.S.)
- Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.)
DEGREE PROGRAMS

• Doctor of Health Science (D.H.Sc.)
• Doctor of Philosophy in Health Science (Ph.D.)
• Entry-Level Doctor of Occupational Therapy (O.T.D.)
• Doctor of Occupational Therapy (Dr.O.T.)
• Doctor of Philosophy in Occupational Therapy (Ph.D.)
• Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)
• Doctor of Philosophy in Physical Therapy (Ph.D.)
• Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP.D.)
• Certificate in Audiologist Assistant
• Graduate Certificate in Clinical Research Associate
• Graduate Certificate in Clinical Trial Manager

College of Medical Sciences
• Master of Biomedical Sciences (M.B.S.)

College of Dental Medicine
• Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)
• Master of Science in Dentistry (M.S.)
• Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Education in General Dentistry
• Postgraduate Certificate in Endodontics
• Postgraduate Certificate in Operative Dentistry
• Postgraduate Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
• Postgraduate Certificate in Orthodontics
• Postgraduate Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry
• Postgraduate Certificate in Periodontics
• Postgraduate Certificate in Prosthodontics
• Postgraduate Certificate in Special Needs Dentistry
• Craniofacial Research Fellowship Program

Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing
• Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)
• Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)
  * Nonclinical Concentrations
    – Executive Nurse Leadership
    – Nursing Education
    – Nursing Informatics
  * Clinical Concentrations (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse)
    – Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
    – Family Nurse Practitioner
    – Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
• Postgraduate Certificates
  * Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
  * Family Nurse Practitioner
  * Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
• Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)
• Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (Ph.D.)

Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine
• Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)
Dual Degrees

- Bachelor of Science—Cardiovascular Sonography (B.S.) and Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
- Bachelor of Science—Medical Sonography (B.S.) and Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
- Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)/Doctor of Health Science (D.H.Sc.)
- Bachelor of Science in Public Health (B.S.)/Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)

Concurrent Degrees

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Medical Education (M.S.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics (M.S.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Disaster and Emergency Management (M.S.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Nutrition (M.S.)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics (M.S.)
- Doctor of Optometry (O.D.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.)/Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- Master of Medical Science (M.M.S.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)/Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
NOTEWORTHY RECOGNITIONS

• NSU moved up from last year to rank 191 among national universities in *U.S. News & World Report’s* 2019 list of top 200 “Best Colleges.” The rankings are based on several measures of quality, including graduation and retention rates, assessment of excellence, and student selectivity.

• *U.S. News & World Report* ranked three of NSU’s online programs among the best in the nation.

• Online Colleges ranked NSU’s online programs 3rd in Florida and 12th overall in the United States for online educational opportunities.

• NSU ranked 8th in the nation for overall opportunities for military service members, 10th in the nation for doctoral degrees, and 11th in the nation for bachelor’s and master’s degrees and credit for military training. More than 2,500 accredited colleges and universities were ranked on a variety of factors, including affordability, student services, and the availability of online programs.

• *U.S. News & World Report*’s list of the top 100 graduate schools in the country includes three NSU HPD programs: physician assistant (#40); occupational therapy (#44), and pharmacy (#77).

• *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* listed NSU 5th among U.S. colleges and universities for the overall number of minority graduate degree recipients. The 2015–2016 data published by *Diverse* is collected by the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).
Nova Southeastern University—synonymous with dynamic innovation and intellectual challenge—is the second largest, private, nonprofit university in the Southeast. Situated on a beautiful, 314-acre campus in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the university is experiencing a sustained period of academic growth, fiscal strength, and commitment to the challenges of the 21st century. In this environment of expansion and stability, the university is capitalizing on its strengths in such areas as academic innovation, comprehensive clinical training, and flexible educational delivery systems.

The university awards certificates and bachelor’s, master’s, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees, all in a wide range of fields, including the health professions, law, business, marine sciences, psychology, social sciences, computer and information sciences, and education.

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