

Nurse Anesthesia Chat Transcript
Conversational Format
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<Prospective Student> Hello, is this working?

<RecorderGwen> Hi Prospective Student, yes

<Prospective Student> Good, slow connection, bear with me

<Jen_Advisor> Do you have any questions for us?

<Prospective Student> I am an RN and currently working at Oakwood Dearborn ICU, very interested in CRNA school. About how much is tuition?

<Jen_Advisor> We have a tuition break down by program at the following website: www.cphs.wayne.edu/stuaff. This tuition is based on 2006-2007 tuition rates and will most likely go up for next year. How long have you been working in ICU?

<Prospective Student> 1 year 2 months

<Jen_Advisor> Great...are you planning on applying to the program for 2008? The application deadline will be July 1st of 2007.

<Prospective Student> First, I need to increase my GPA above 3.0, I've applied to WSU to retake some classes, any advice?

<Jen_Advisor> How close to 3.0 is your gpa? Are your last 60 credits above a 3.0?

<Prospective Student> about 2.8; I don't think so

<Prospective Student> I don't have my transcripts in front of me, some of my prereqs to get in the nursing program at GVSU are low

<Jen_Advisor> Sometimes they will consider your last 60 credits or your Nursing GPA if that is above a 3.0

<Prospective Student> ok. Is there an advisor that I can show my transcripts to?

<Jen_Advisor> Yes, you can mail or email your transcripts in for an advisor to review; if you email them, send to cphsinfo@wayne.edu or you can fax them to 313-577-5589 with a cover letter stating which program you are interested in and your email address

<Prospective Student> I was also thinking that my grades from the prereqs to get in the CRNA program would boost my GPA

<Jen_Advisor> yes, your prereqs will help as well, both undergraduate and graduate

<Prospective Student> ok

<Jen_Advisor> You also may want to attend an information meeting. There is generally a faculty member from the program there.

<Prospective Student> I attended a meeting in Sept

<Jen_Advisor> was a faculty member there?

<Prospective Student> yes, he answered some of my general questions but i did not ask him the specific classes I should retake, or if i had to at all. It was helpful

<Jen_Advisor> Well, we will be able to look at your transcripts to give you an idea of what courses you would need. Have you set up a shadowing experience with DMC yet? I would suggest that as well.

<Prospective Student> in nursing school I shadowed a few CRNA's, and plan to do it again after working in the ICU - I will have more understanding

<Jen_Advisor> With out looking at your transcripts, if you got anything lower than a "B" in your Anatomy & Physiology course or your microbiology course or your chemistry courses, then I would recommend repeating those

<Prospective Student> I think I did and I am mad at myself, but I have no problem repeating them if that is what it takes

<Jen_Advisor> Repeating those courses (which are prereq courses) will help improve your overall average as well as your prereq average

<Prospective Student> ok

<Jen_Advisor> When you are ready to shadow again...I recommend shadowing at Detroit Receiving - that is where the program is housed out of and you get an opportunity to interact with faculty and students who are currently in the program.

<Prospective Student> really any time, what ever would work with my work schedule

<Jen_Advisor> You can contact Dr. Worth or Valdor Haglund at 313-745-3607 to set up shadowing

<Prospective Student> ok

<Prospective Student> could you answer a couple of other questions for me

<Jen_Advisor> sure

<Prospective Student> is there such a thing as nurse Trauma anesthesia or related area?

<Jen_Advisor> I don't think that is a standard specialty but there are probably people who would become proficient in working in trauma situation like the ER. The program is Generalized so you will get experience in a range of experiences and then when you go out to work you may choose to focus on working in a particular area.

<Prospective Student> ok

<Prospective Student> i know that the program is tough, is there any advice to prepare for the program? Am I on the right track to get into the program?

<Jen_Advisor> Yes, you are on the right track. You want to prepare academically so by trying to improve your gpa

<Prospective Student> ok

<Jen_Advisor> also, you will want to prepare for the GRE. Shadowing and keeping up with your work experience will help with that ...they like to see an interest in the field so reading Anesthesia journals, joining Nursing professional associations and staying up to date in new developments in the field are always good ideas.

<Prospective Student> i'm in the AACN now

<Jen_Advisor> The program also has an Anesthesia seminar in the spring every year that prospective students sometimes attend

<Prospective Student> for non CRNA students?

<Jen_Advisor> it is put on by CRNA seniors of the preparation

<Prospective Student> o, ok. Do you have a date?

<Jen_Advisor> unfortunately...it was just a couple of weeks ago

<Prospective Student> next time

<RecorderGwen> We've only got about five minutes left

<Prospective Student> ok, I can let you go. Thank you so much for the advice, I will send in my transcripts to get the ball rolling, thank you Prospective Student

<Jen_Advisor> you are welcome

<Prospective Student> bye

<Jen_Advisor> bye

<RecorderGwen> Thank you for visiting, Prospective Student

<Jen_Advisor> The chat has ended!